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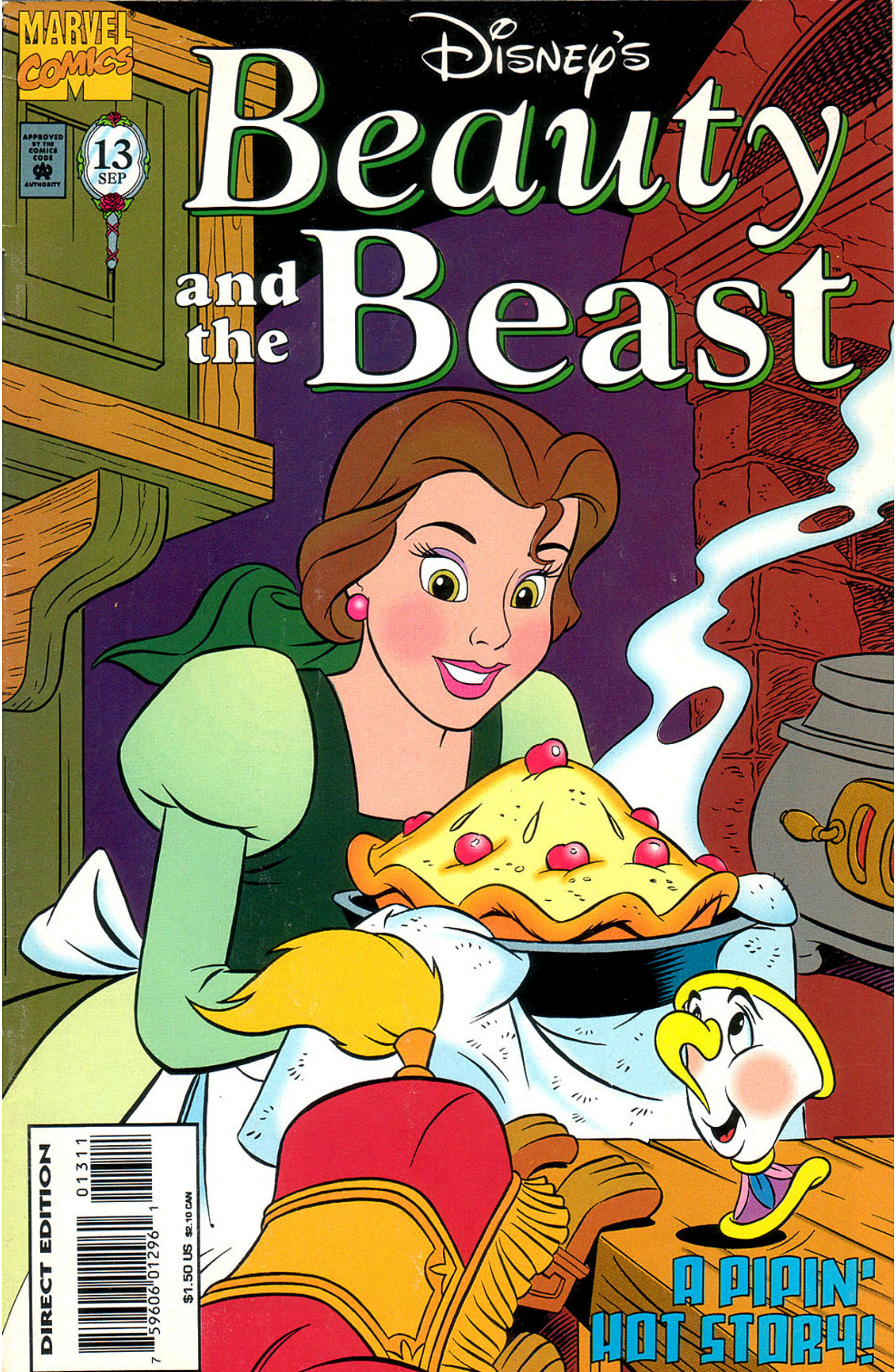

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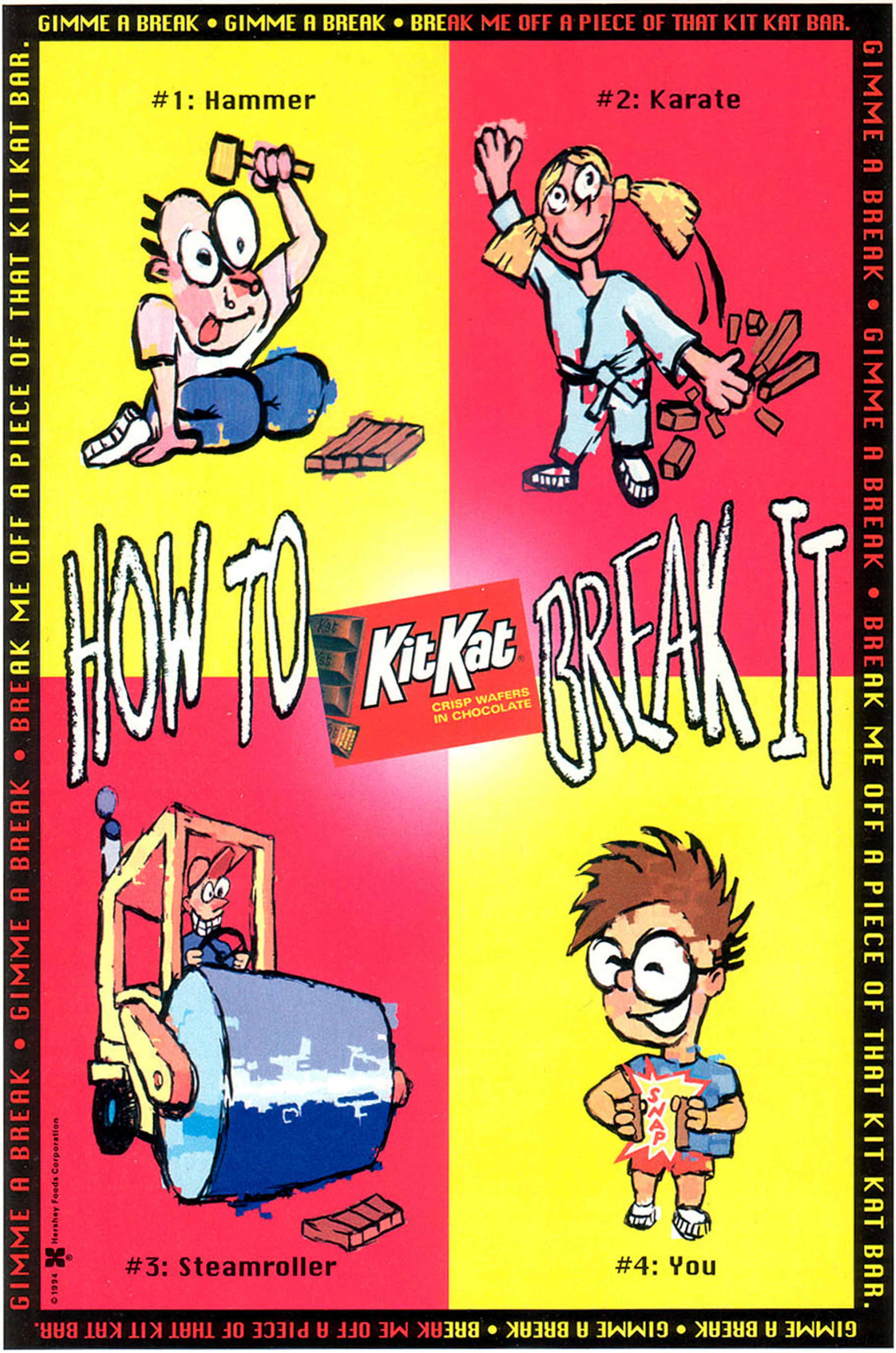
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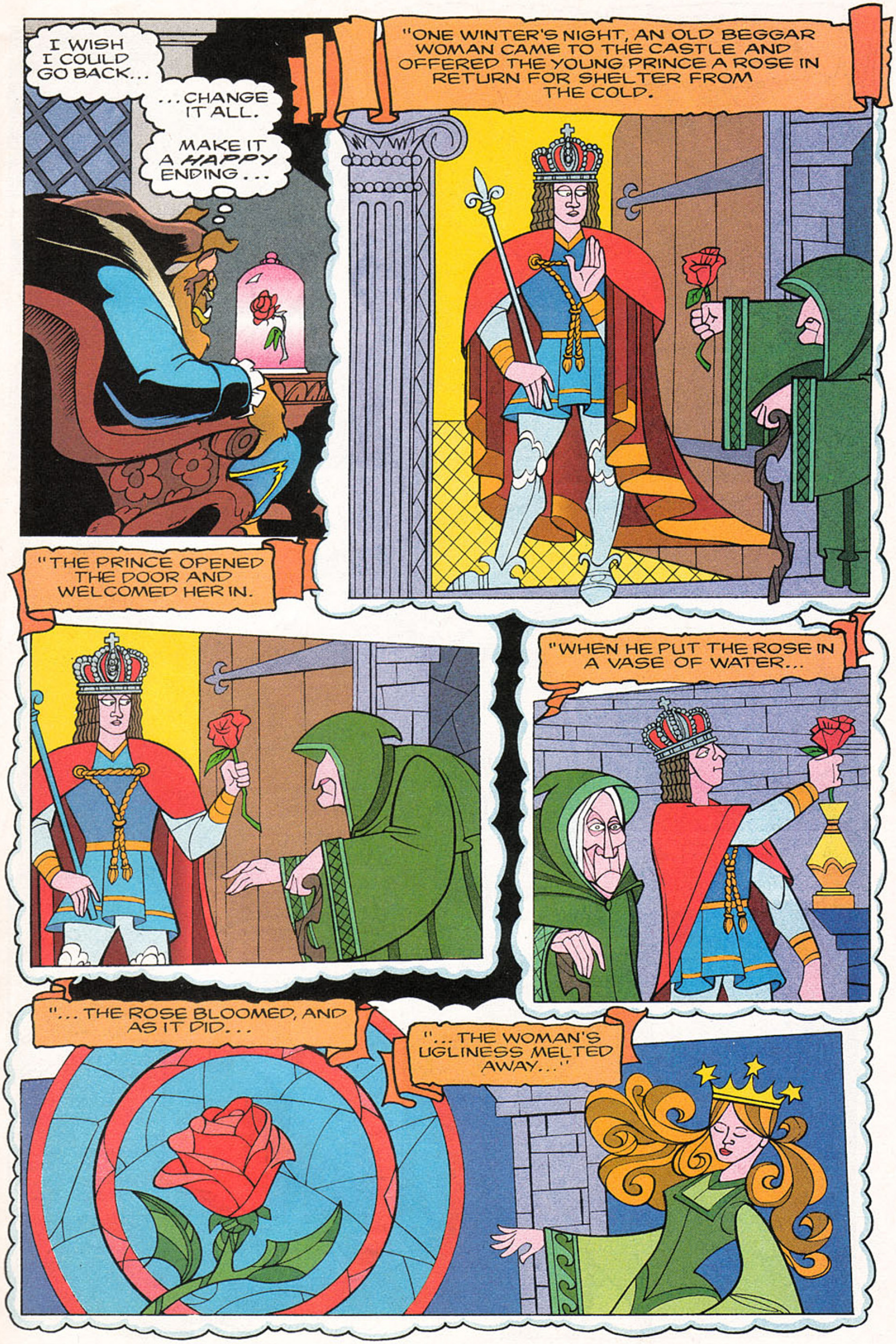
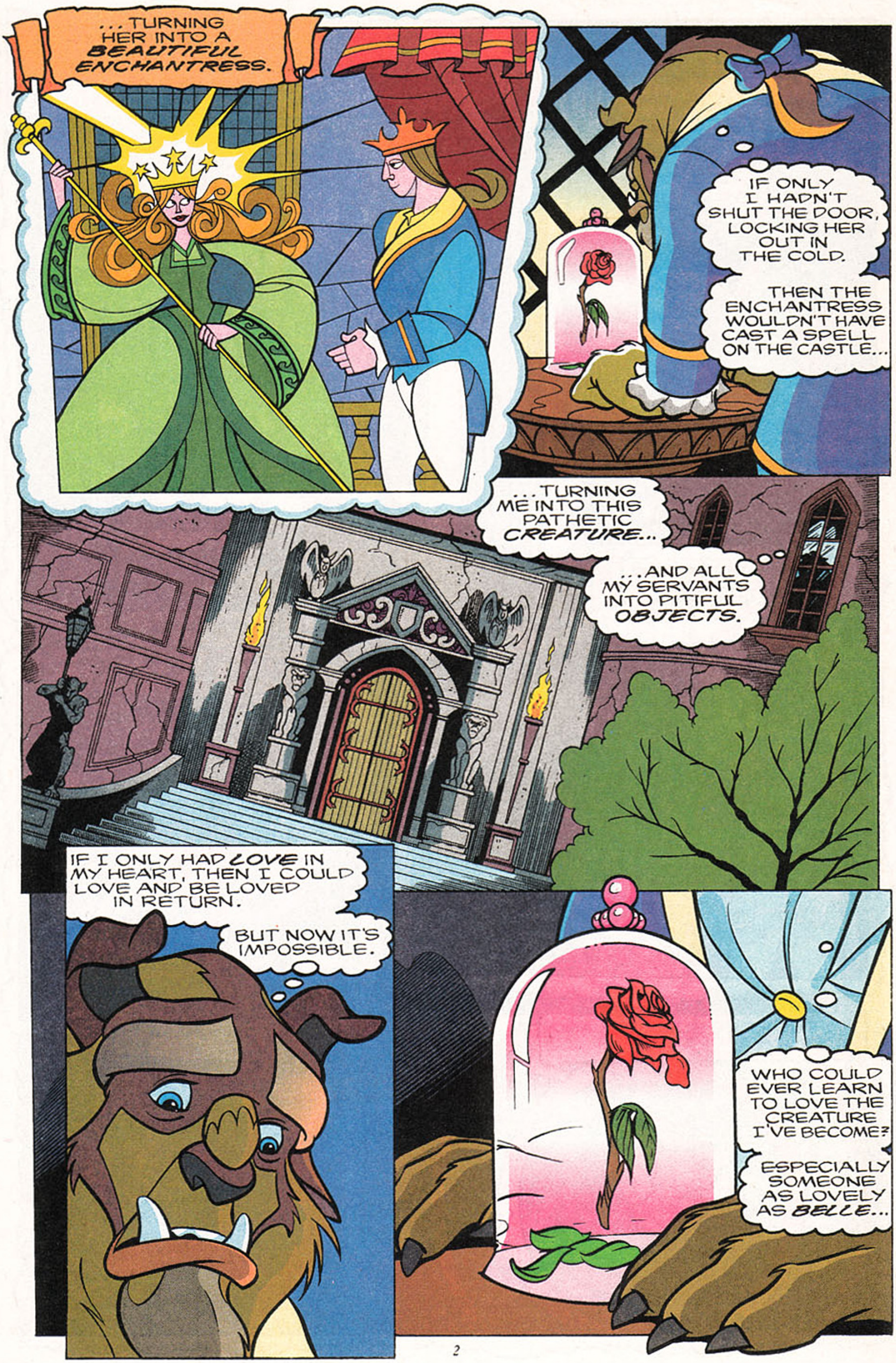
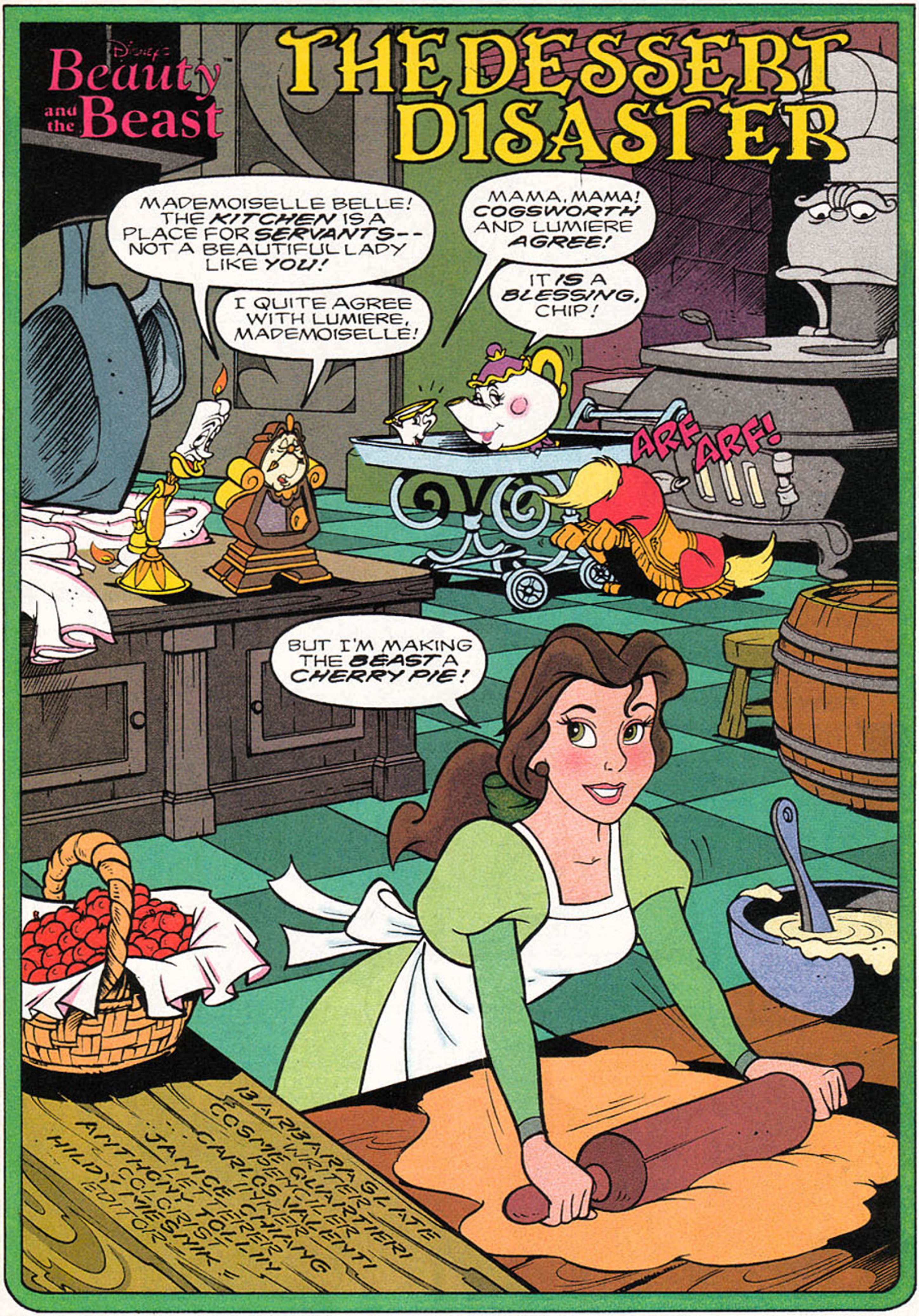

I WISH I COULD GO BACK...
...CHANGE IT ALL.
MAKE IT A *HAPPY* ENDING...
"ONE WINTER'S NIGHT, AN OLD BEGGAR WOMAN CAME TO THE CASTLE AND OFFERED THE YOUNG PRINCE A ROSE IN RETURN FOR SHELTER FROM THE COLD.
"THE PRINCE OPENED THE DOOR AND WELCOMED HER IN.
"WHEN HE PUT THE ROSE IN A VASE OF WATER...
"...THE ROSE BLOOMED, AND AS IT DID...
"...THE WOMAN'S UGLINESS MELTED AWAY..."


...TURNING HER INTO A *BEAUTIFUL ENCHANTRESS.*
IF ONLY I HADN'T SHUT THE DOOR, LOCKING HER OUT IN THE COLD.
THEN THE ENCHANTRESS WOULDN'T HAVE CAST A SPELL ON THE CASTLE...
...TURNING ME INTO THIS PATHETIC *CREATURE*...
...AND ALL MY SERVANTS INTO PITIFUL *OBJECTS*.
IF I ONLY HAD *LOVE* IN MY HEART, THEN I COULD LOVE AND BE LOVED IN RETURN.
BUT NOW IT'S IMPOSSIBLE.
WHO COULD EVER LEARN TO LOVE THE CREATURE I'VE BECOME?
ESPECIALLY SOMEONE AS LOVELY AS *BELLE*...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MADEMOISELLE BELLE! THE KITCHEN IS A PLACE FOR SERVANTS-- NOT A BEAUTIFUL LADY LIKE YOU!
I QUITE AGREE WITH LUMIERE, MADEMOISELLE!
MAMA, MAMA! COGSWORTH AND LUMIERE AGREE!
IT IS A BLESSING, CHIP!
ARF ARF!
BUT I'M MAKING THE BEAST A CHERRY PIE!
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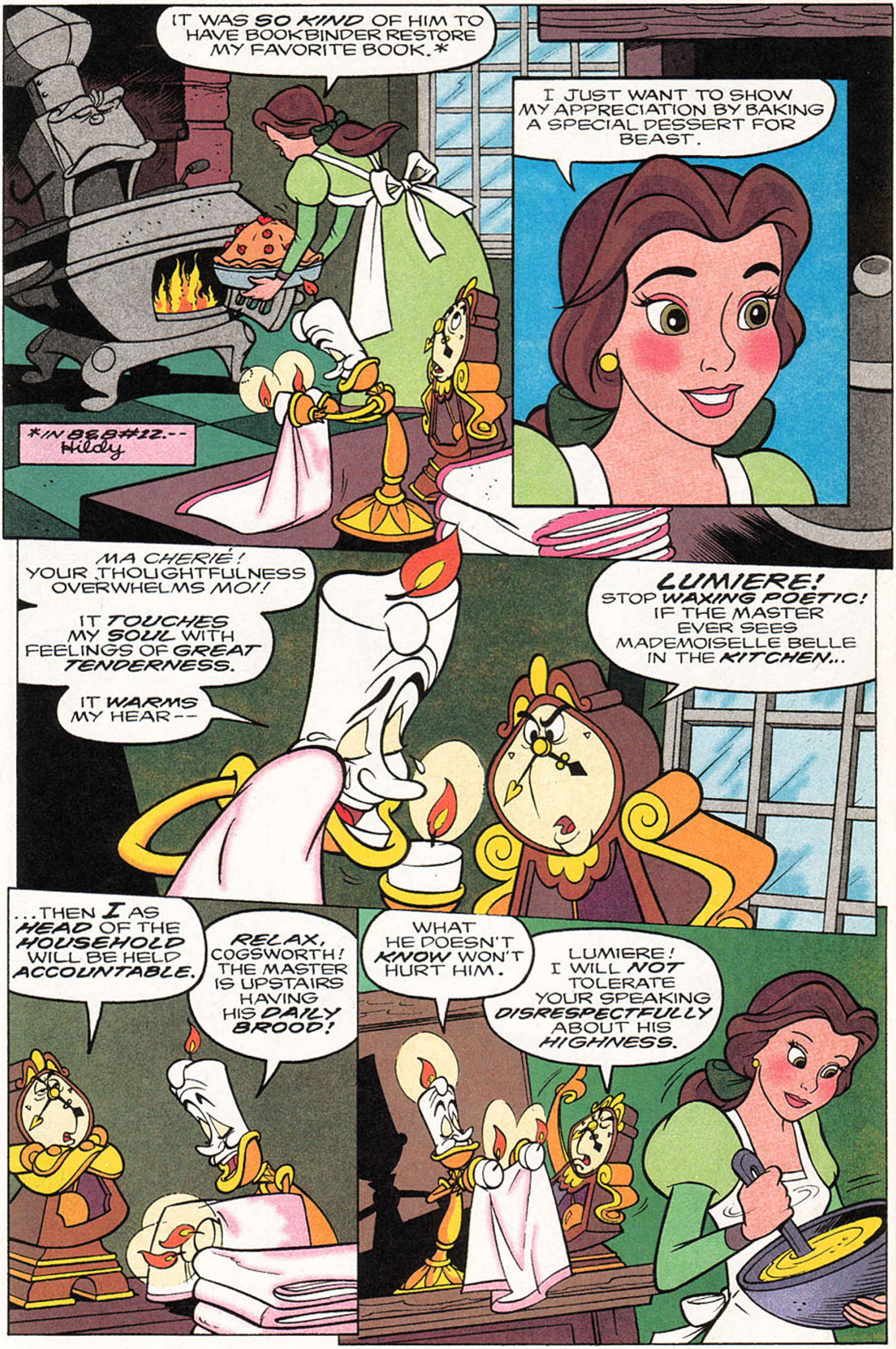
IT WAS SO KIND OF HIM TO HAVE BOOKBINDER RESTORE MY FAVORITE BOOK.*
*IN B&B#12.-- Hildy
I JUST WANT TO SHOW MY APPRECIATION BY BAKING A SPECIAL DESSERT FOR BEAST.
MA CHERIÉ! YOUR THOUGHTFULNESS OVERWHELMS MOI!!
IT TOUCHES MY SOUL WITH FEELINGS OF GREAT TENDERNESS.
IT WARMS MY HEAR--
LUMIERE! STOP WAXING POETIC! IF THE MASTER EVER SEES MADEMOISELLE BELLE IN THE KITCHEN...
...THEN I AS HEAD OF THE HOUSEHOLD WILL BE HELD ACCOUNTABLE.
RELAX, COGSWORTH! THE MASTER IS UPSTAIRS HAVING HIS DAILY BROOD!
WHAT HE DOESN'T KNOW WON'T HURT HIM.
LUMIERE! I WILL NOT TOLERATE YOUR SPEAKING DISRESPECTFULLY ABOUT HIS HIGHNESS.

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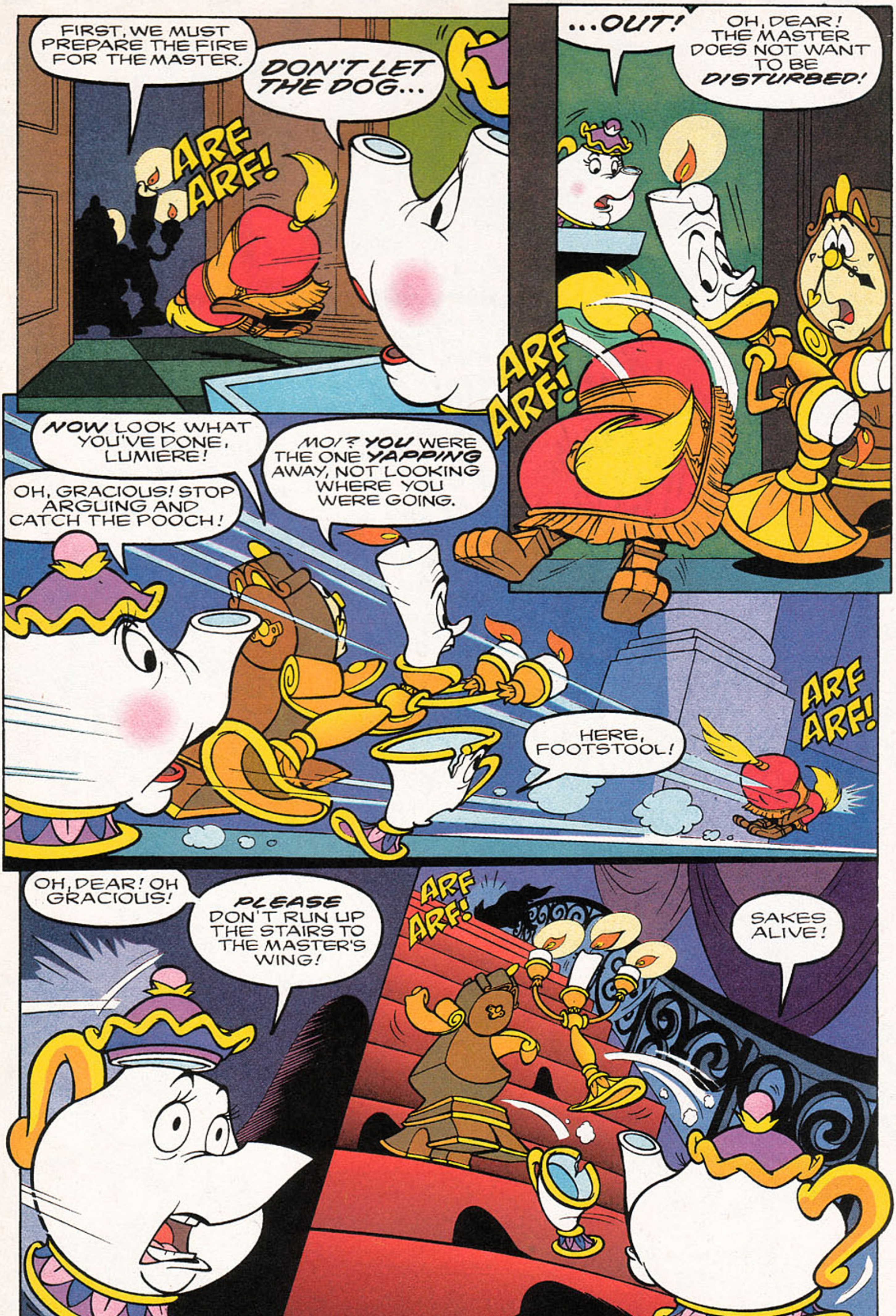
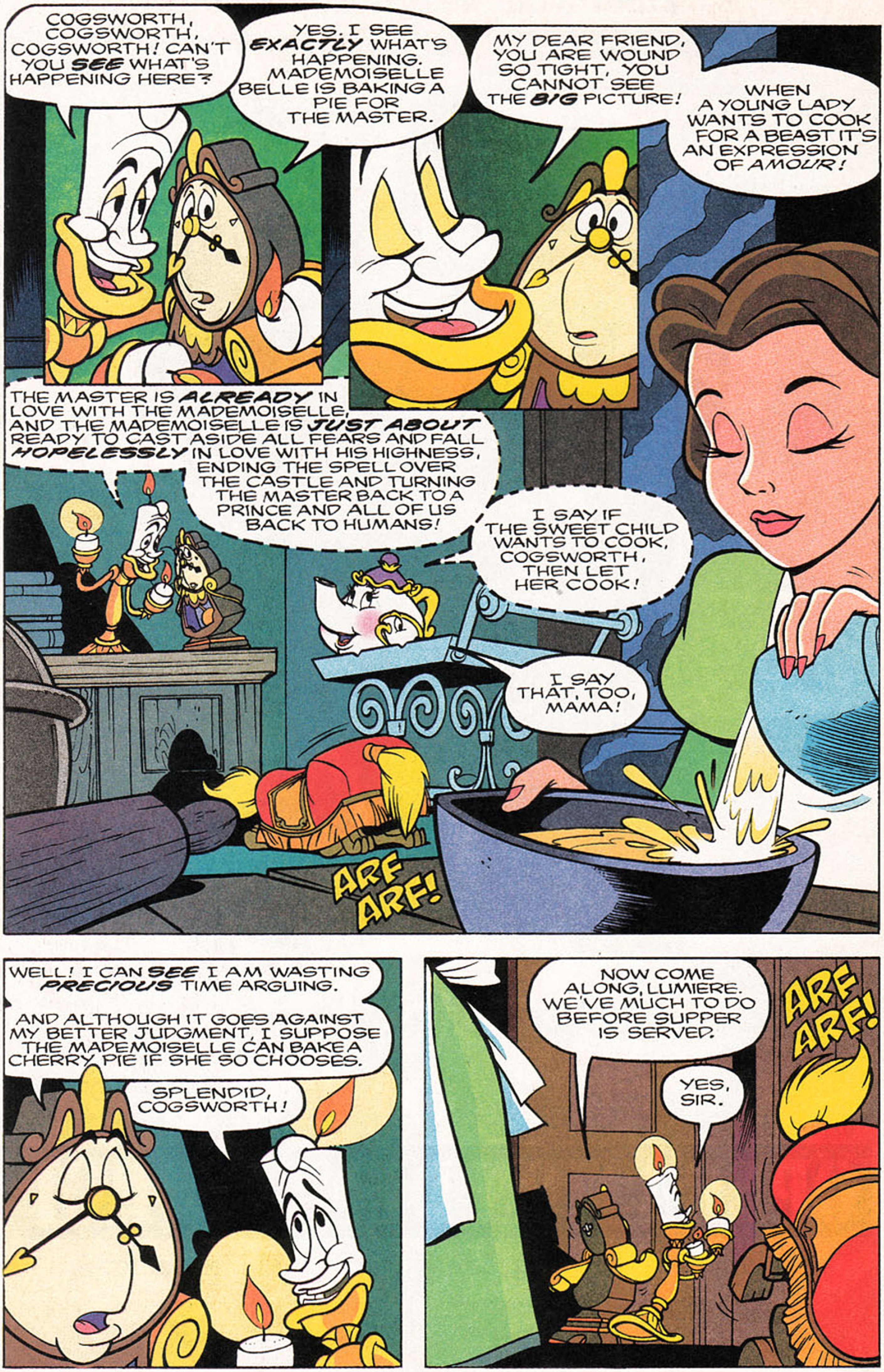
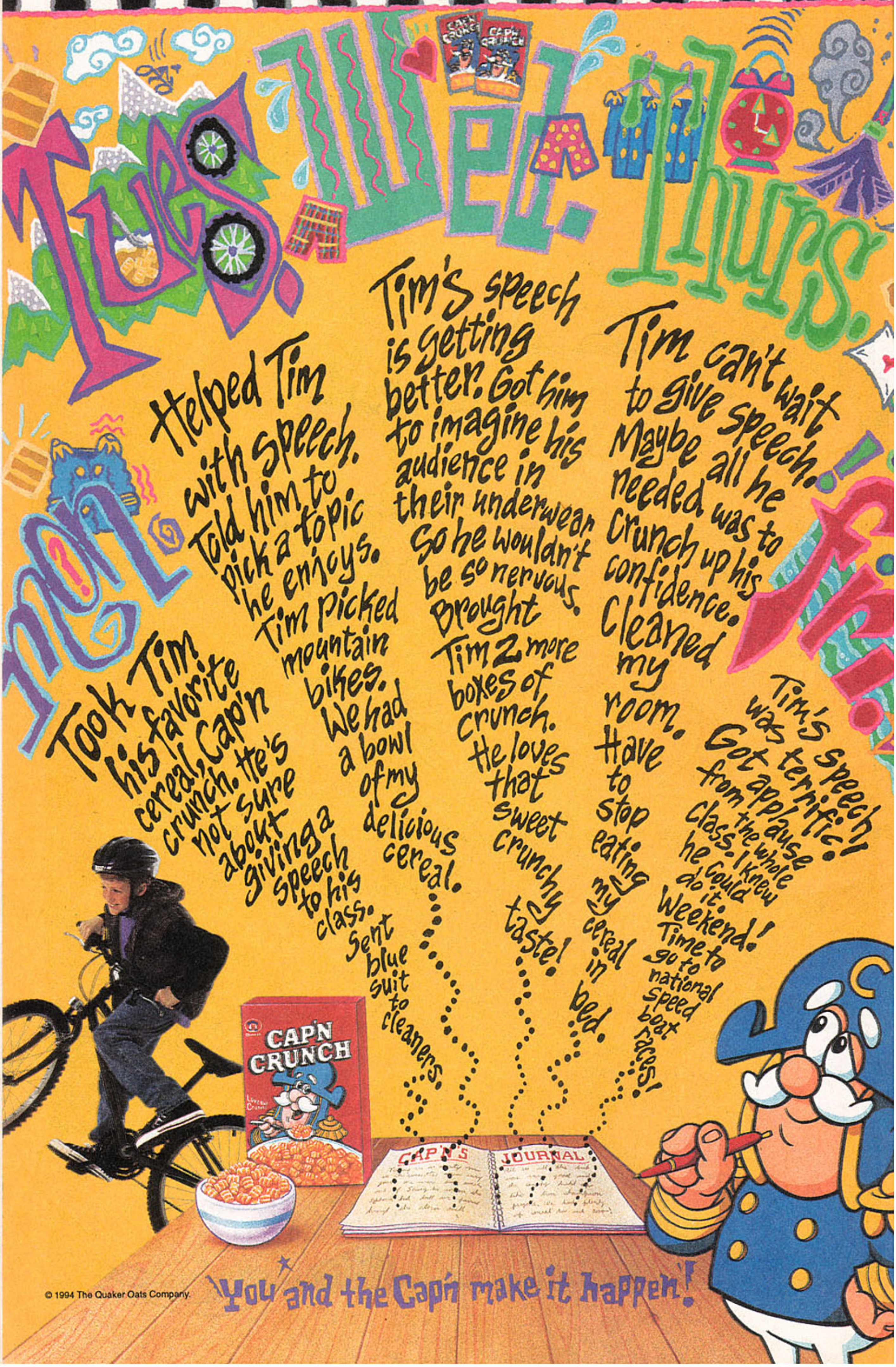

FIRST, WE MUST PREPARE THE FIRE FOR THE MASTER.
DON'T LET THE DOG...
ARF ARF!
...OUT!
OH, DEAR! THE MASTER DOES NOT WANT TO BE DISTURBED!
ARF ARF!
NOW LOOK WHAT YOU'VE DONE, LUMIERE!
MOI? YOU WERE THE ONE YAPPING AWAY, NOT LOOKING WHERE YOU WERE GOING.
OH, GRACIOUS! STOP ARGUING AND CATCH THE POOCH!
HERE, FOOTSTOOL!
ARF ARF!
OH, DEAR! OH GRACIOUS!
PLEASE DON'T RUN UP THE STAIRS TO THE MASTER'S WING!
ARF ARF!
SAKES ALIVE!


COGSWORTH, COGSWORTH, COGSWORTH! CAN'T YOU SEE WHAT'S HAPPENING HERE?
YES. I SEE EXACTLY WHAT'S HAPPENING. MADEMOISELLE BELLE IS BAKING A PIE FOR THE MASTER.
MY DEAR FRIEND, YOU ARE WOUND SO TIGHT, YOU CANNOT SEE THE BIG PICTURE!
WHEN A YOUNG LADY WANTS TO COOK FOR A BEAST IT'S AN EXPRESSION OF AMOUR!
THE MASTER IS ALREADY IN LOVE WITH THE MADEMOISELLE, AND THE MADEMOISELLE IS JUST ABOUT READY TO CAST ASIDE ALL FEARS AND FALL HOPELESSLY IN LOVE WITH HIS HIGHNESS, ENDING THE SPELL OVER THE CASTLE AND TURNING THE MASTER BACK TO A PRINCE AND ALL OF US BACK TO HUMANS!
I SAY IF THE SWEET CHILD WANTS TO COOK, COGSWORTH, THEN LET HER COOK!
I SAY THAT, TOO, MAMA!
ARF ARF!
WELL! I CAN SEE I AM WASTING PRECIOUS TIME ARGUING.
AND ALTHOUGH IT GOES AGAINST MY BETTER JUDGMENT, I SUPPOSE THE MADEMOISELLE CAN BAKE A CHERRY PIE IF SHE SO CHOOSES.
SPLENDID, COGSWORTH!
NOW COME ALONG, LUMIERE. WE'VE MUCH TO DO BEFORE SUPPER IS SERVED.
YES, SIR.
ARF ARF!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CAP'N'S JOURNAL
"You" and the Cap'n make it happen!"

Took Tim his favorite cereal, Cap'n Crunch. He's not sure about giving a speech to his class. Sent blue suit to cleaners.

Helped Tim with speech. Told him to pick a topic he enjoys. Tim picked mountain bikes. We had a bowl of my delicious cereal.

Tim's speech is getting better. Got him to imagine his audience in their underwear so he wouldn't be so nervous. Brought Tim 2 more boxes of crunch. He loves that sweet crunchy taste!

Tim can't wait to give speech. Maybe all he needed was to crunch up his confidence. Cleaned my room. Have to stop eating my cereal in bed.

Tim's speech was terrific! Got applause from the whole class. I knew he could do it. Weekend! Time to go to national speed boat races!

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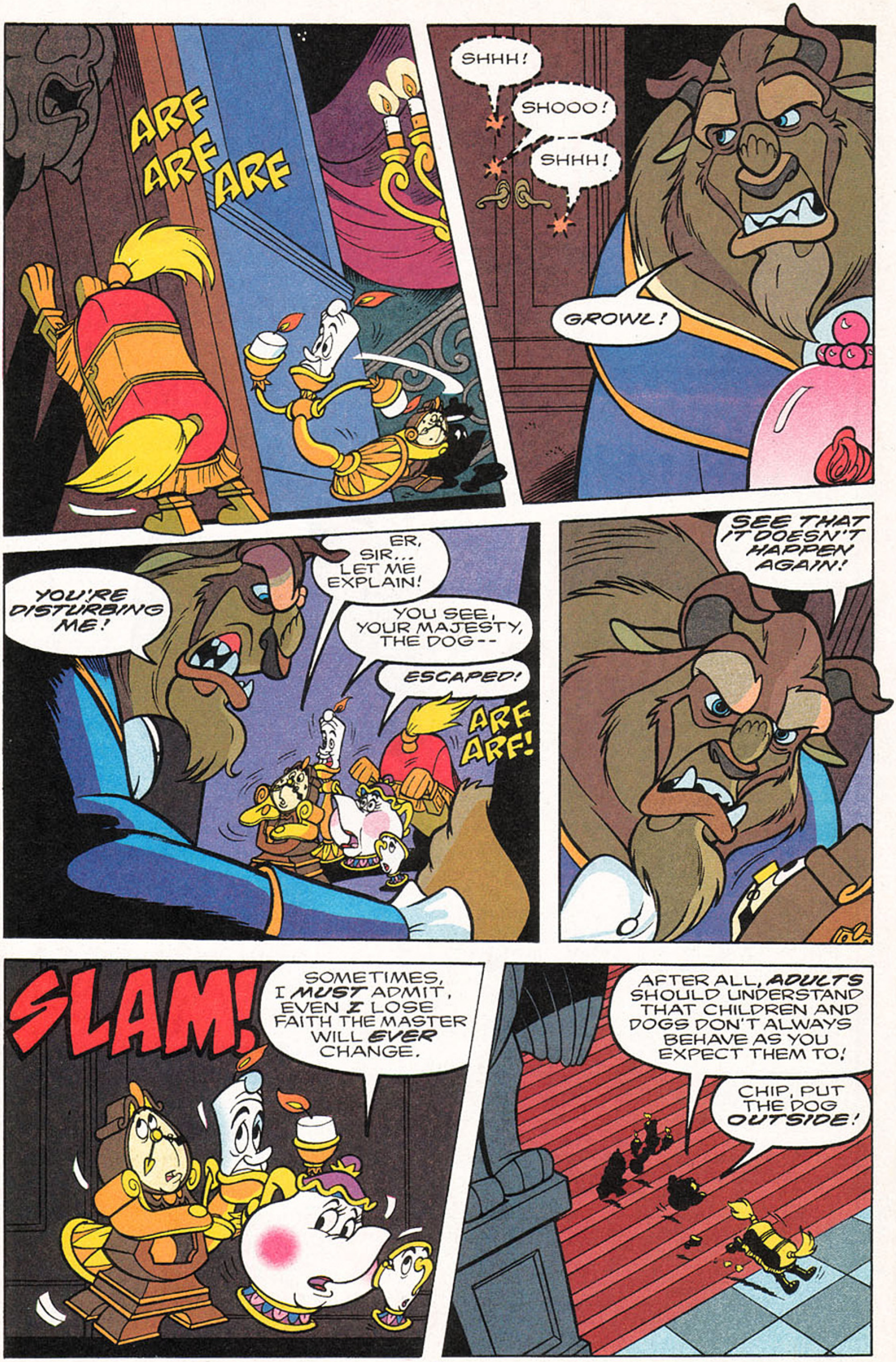
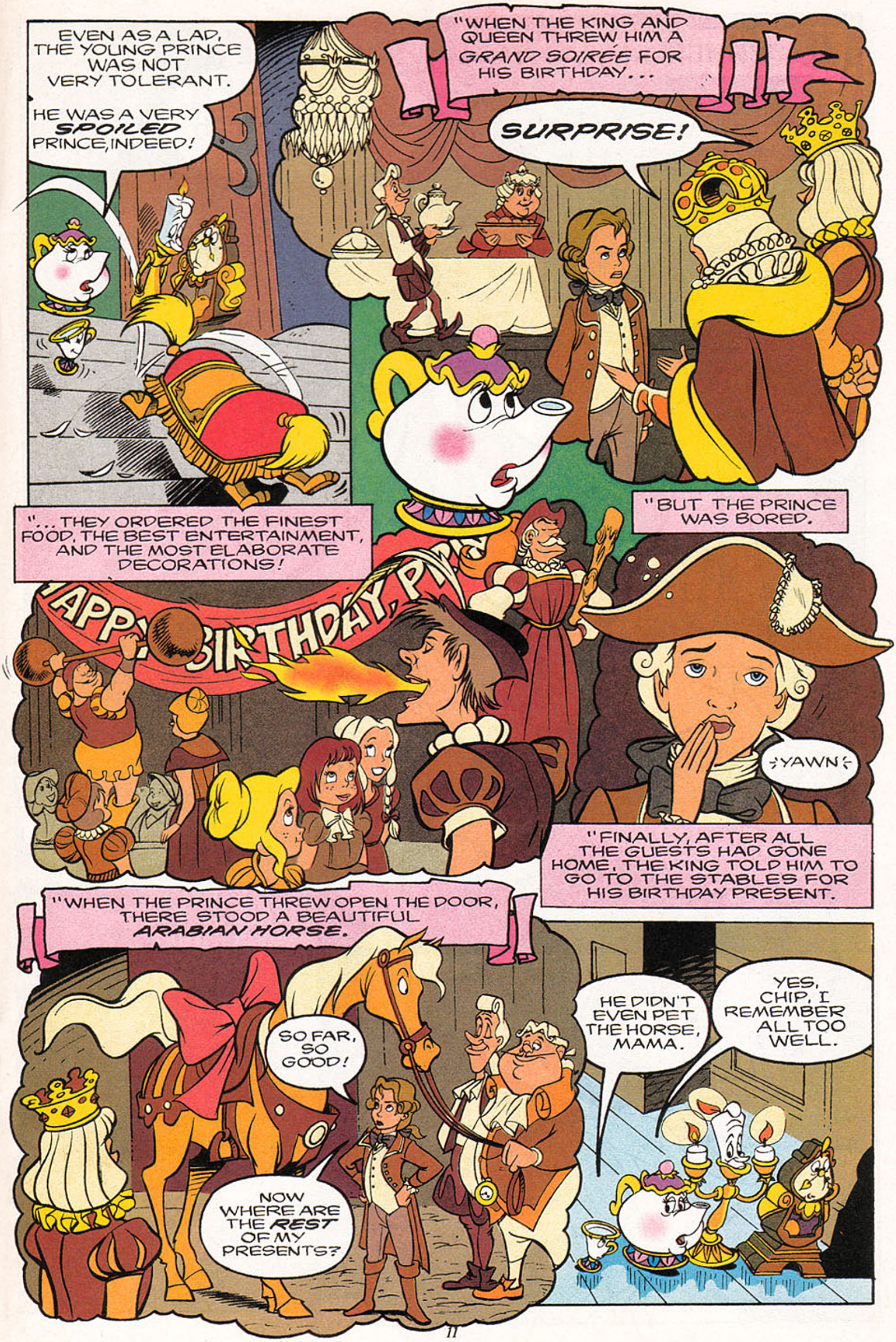
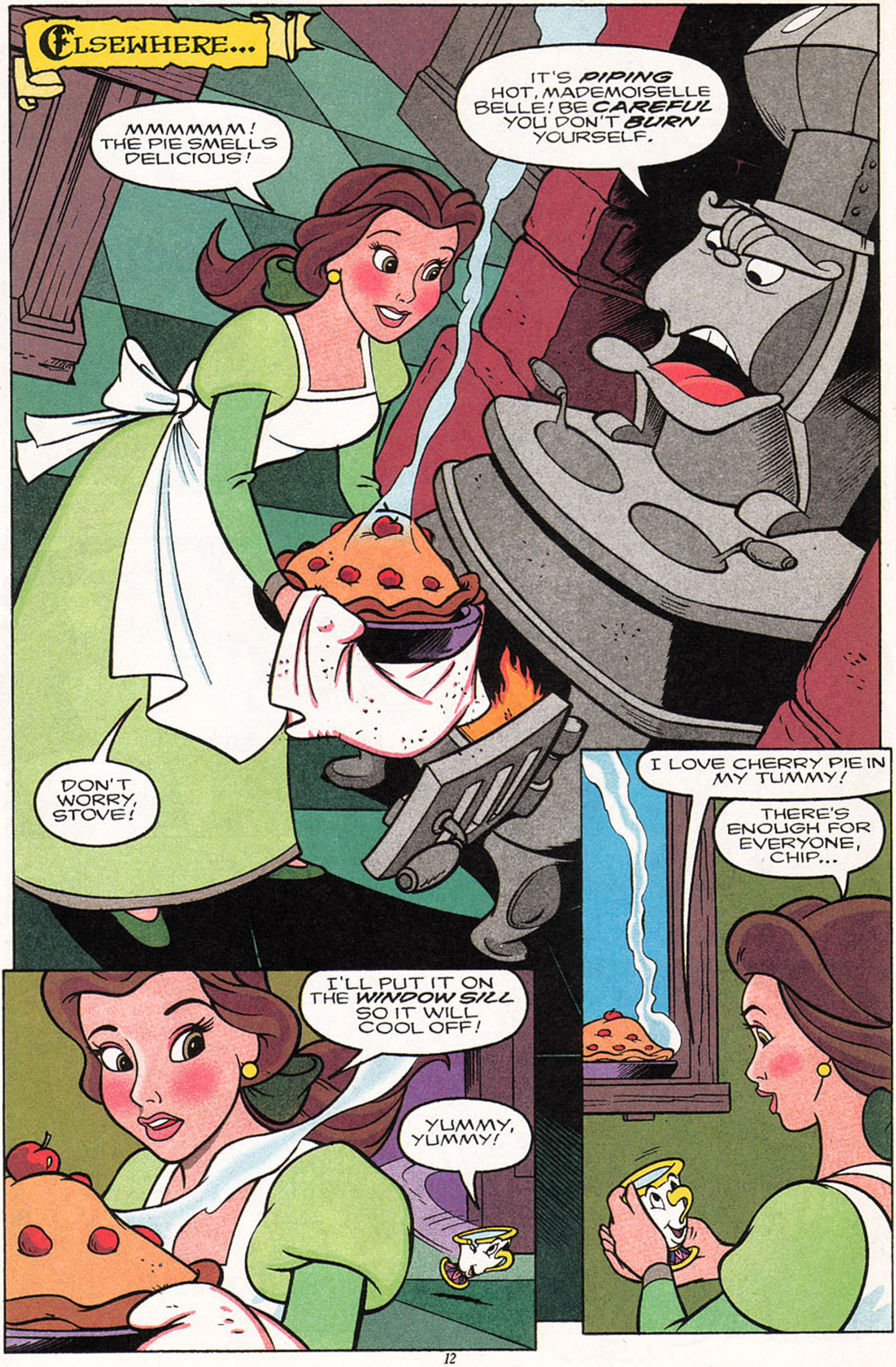
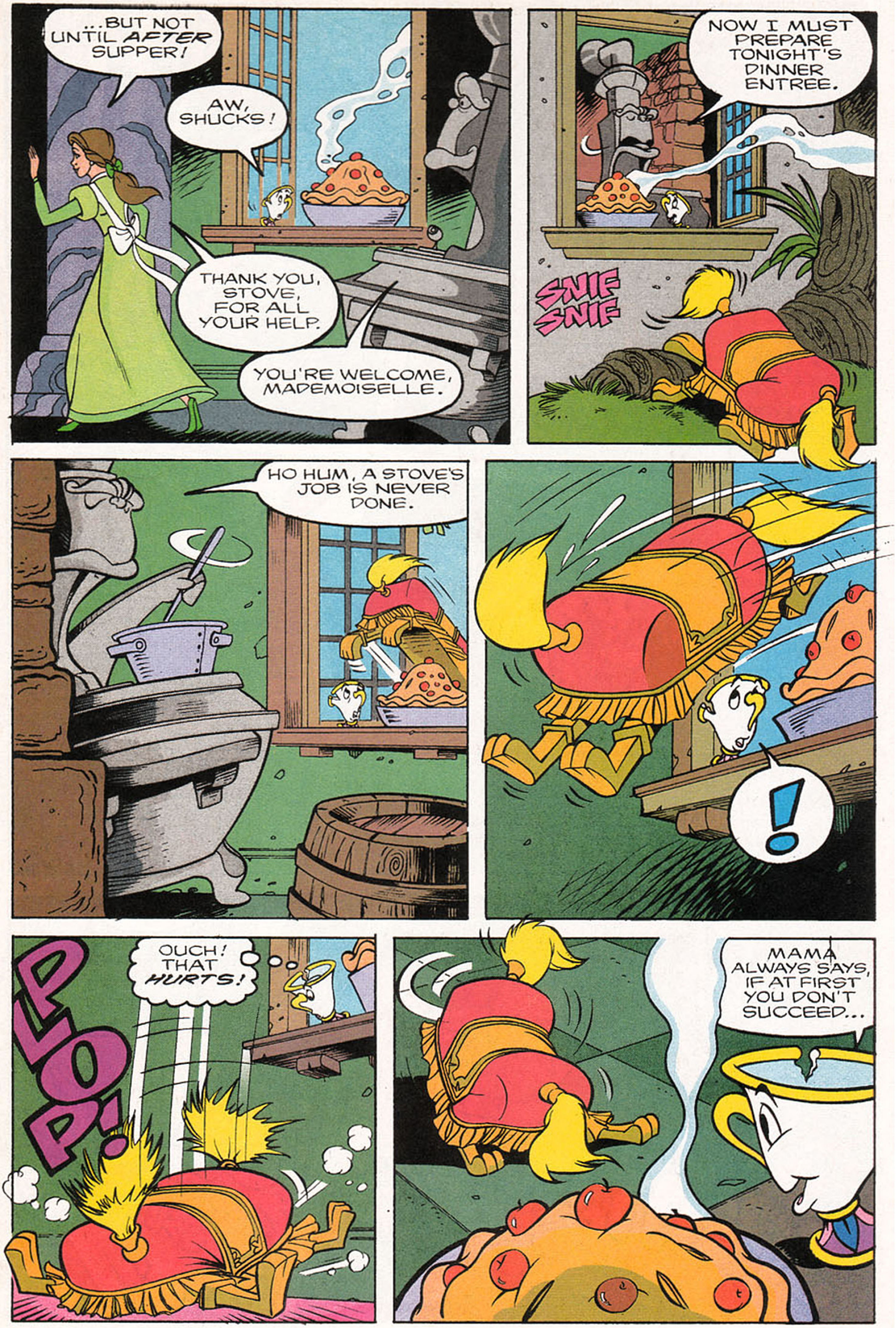
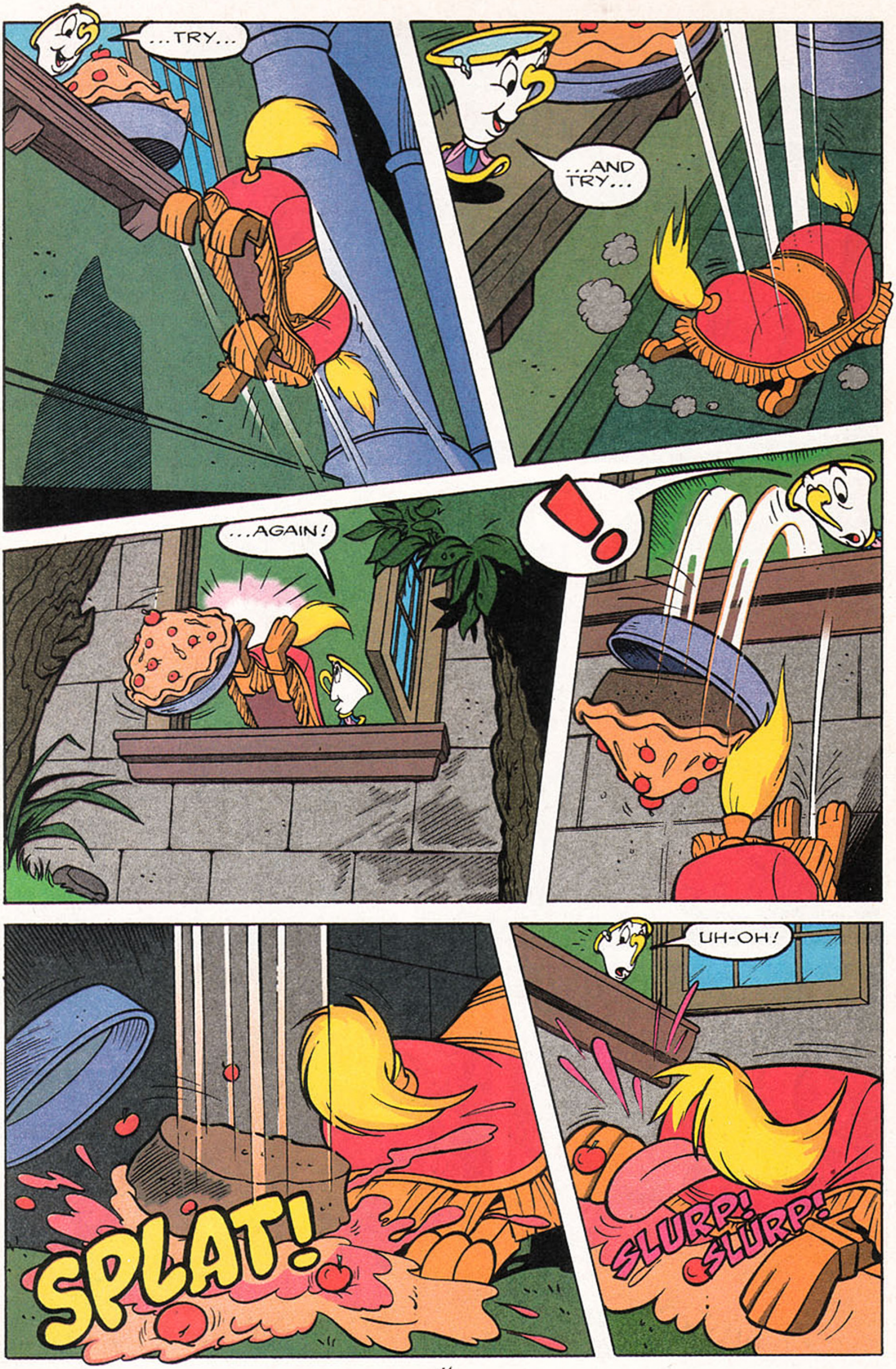
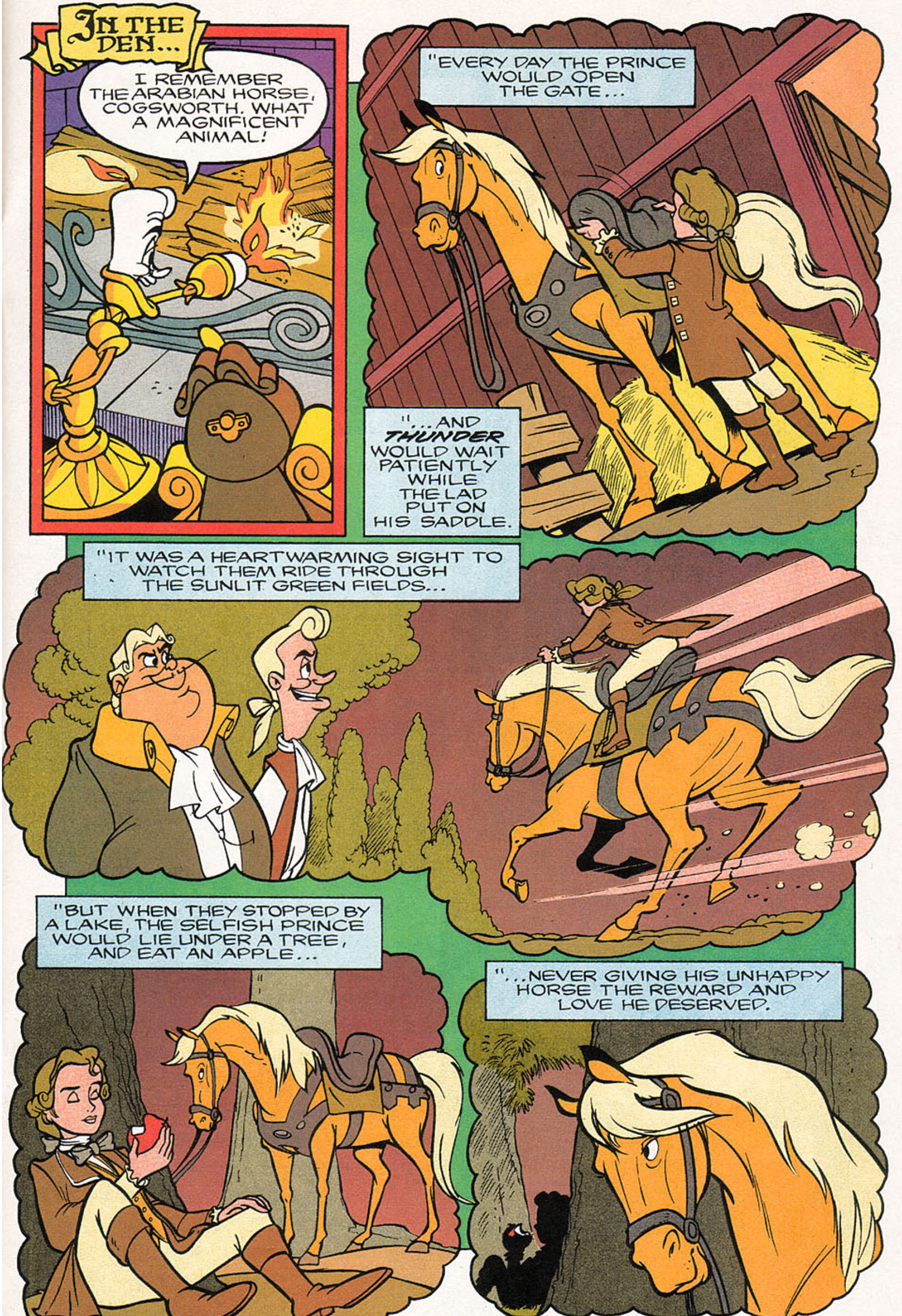

ARF ARF ARF
SHHH!
SHOOO!
SHHH!
GROWL!
ER, SIR... LET ME EXPLAIN!
YOU'RE DISTURBING ME!
YOU SEE, YOUR MAJESTY, THE DOG--
ESCAPED!
ARF ARF!
SEE THAT IT DOESN'T HAPPEN AGAIN!
SLAM!
SOMETIMES, I MUST ADMIT, EVEN I LOSE FAITH THE MASTER WILL EVER CHANGE.
AFTER ALL, ADULTS SHOULD UNDERSTAND THAT CHILDREN AND DOGS DON'T ALWAYS BEHAVE AS YOU EXPECT THEM TO!
CHIP, PUT THE DOG OUTSIDE!


EVEN AS A LAD, THE YOUNG PRINCE WAS NOT VERY TOLERANT.
HE WAS A VERY *SPOILED* PRINCE, INDEED!
"WHEN THE KING AND QUEEN THREW HIM A *GRAND SOIRÉE* FOR HIS BIRTHDAY...
SURPRISE!
"...THEY ORDERED THE FINEST FOOD, THE BEST ENTERTAINMENT, AND THE MOST ELABORATE DECORATIONS!
"BUT THE PRINCE WAS BORED.
HAPPY BIRTHDAY, PR
YAWN
"FINALLY, AFTER ALL THE GUESTS HAD GONE HOME, THE KING TOLD HIM TO GO TO THE STABLES FOR HIS BIRTHDAY PRESENT.
"WHEN THE PRINCE THREW OPEN THE DOOR, THERE STOOD A BEAUTIFUL *ARABIAN HORSE*.
SO FAR, SO GOOD!
NOW WHERE ARE THE *REST* OF MY PRESENTS?
HE DIDN'T EVEN PET THE HORSE, MAMA.
YES, CHIP, I REMEMBER ALL TOO WELL.


ELSEWHERE...
MMMMMM! THE PIE SMELLS DELICIOUS!
IT'S PIPING HOT, MADEMOISELLE BELLE! BE CAREFUL YOU DON'T BURN YOURSELF.
DON'T WORRY, STOVE!
I'LL PUT IT ON THE WINDOW SILL SO IT WILL COOL OFF!
YUMMY, YUMMY!
I LOVE CHERRY PIE IN MY TUMMY!
THERE'S ENOUGH FOR EVERYONE, CHIP...


...BUT NOT UNTIL *AFTER* SUPPER!
AW, SHUCKS!
THANK YOU, STOVE, FOR ALL YOUR HELP.
YOU'RE WELCOME, MADEMOISELLE.
NOW I MUST PREPARE TONIGHT'S DINNER ENTREE.
SNIF SNIF
HO HUM, A STOVE'S JOB IS NEVER DONE.
!
PLOP!
OUCH! THAT *HURTS*!
MAMA ALWAYS SAYS, IF AT FIRST YOU DON'T SUCCEED...


...TRY...
...AND TRY...
...AGAIN!
!
SPLAT!
UH-OH!
SLURP! SLURP!


IN THE DEN...
I REMEMBER THE ARABIAN HORSE, COGSWORTH. WHAT A MAGNIFICENT ANIMAL!
"EVERY DAY THE PRINCE WOULD OPEN THE GATE...
"...AND *THUNDER* WOULD WAIT PATIENTLY WHILE THE LAD PUT ON HIS SADDLE.
"IT WAS A HEARTWARMING SIGHT TO WATCH THEM RIDE THROUGH THE SUNLIT GREEN FIELDS...
"BUT WHEN THEY STOPPED BY A LAKE, THE SELFISH PRINCE WOULD LIE UNDER A TREE, AND EAT AN APPLE...
"...NEVER GIVING HIS UNHAPPY HORSE THE REWARD AND LOVE HE DESERVED.

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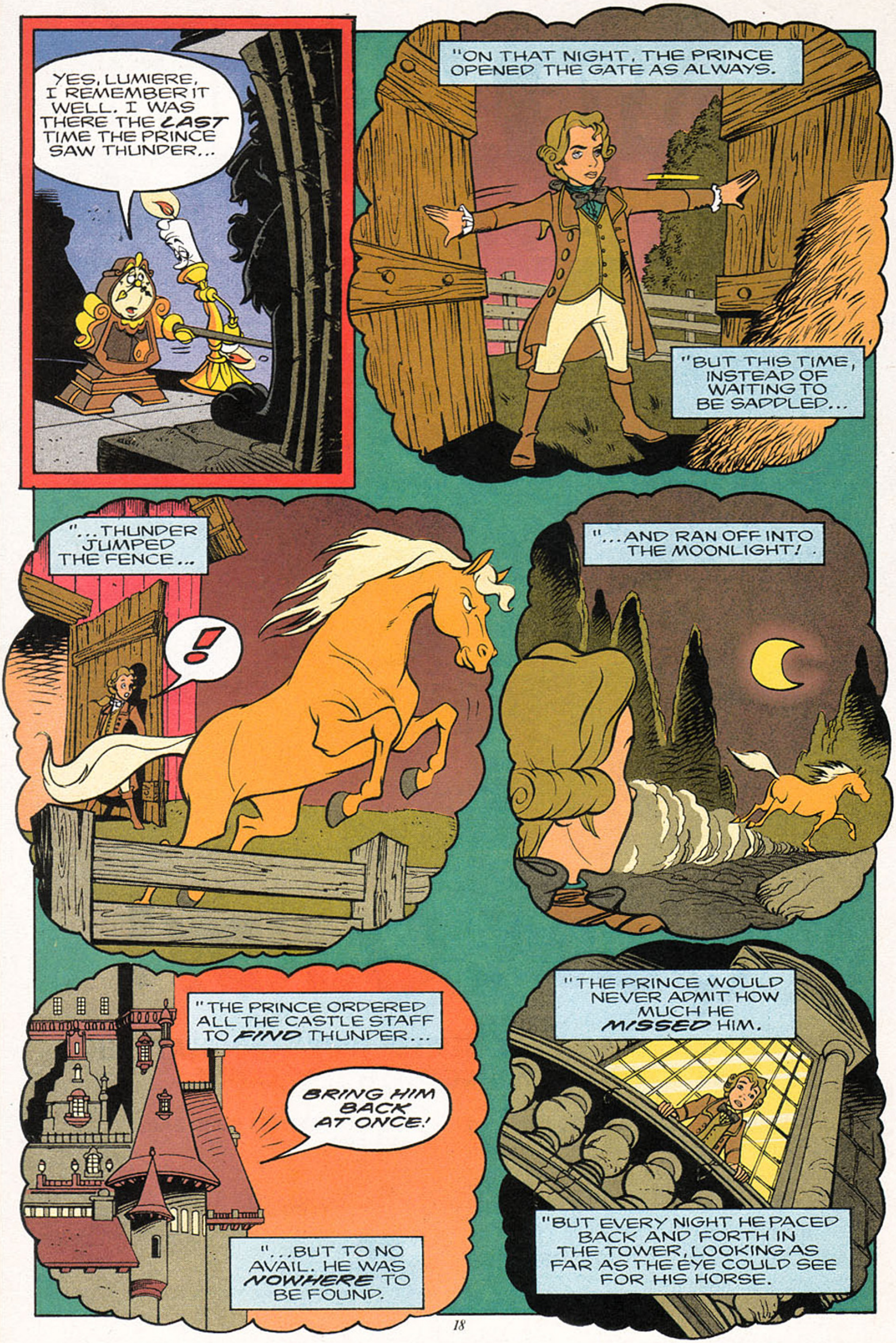
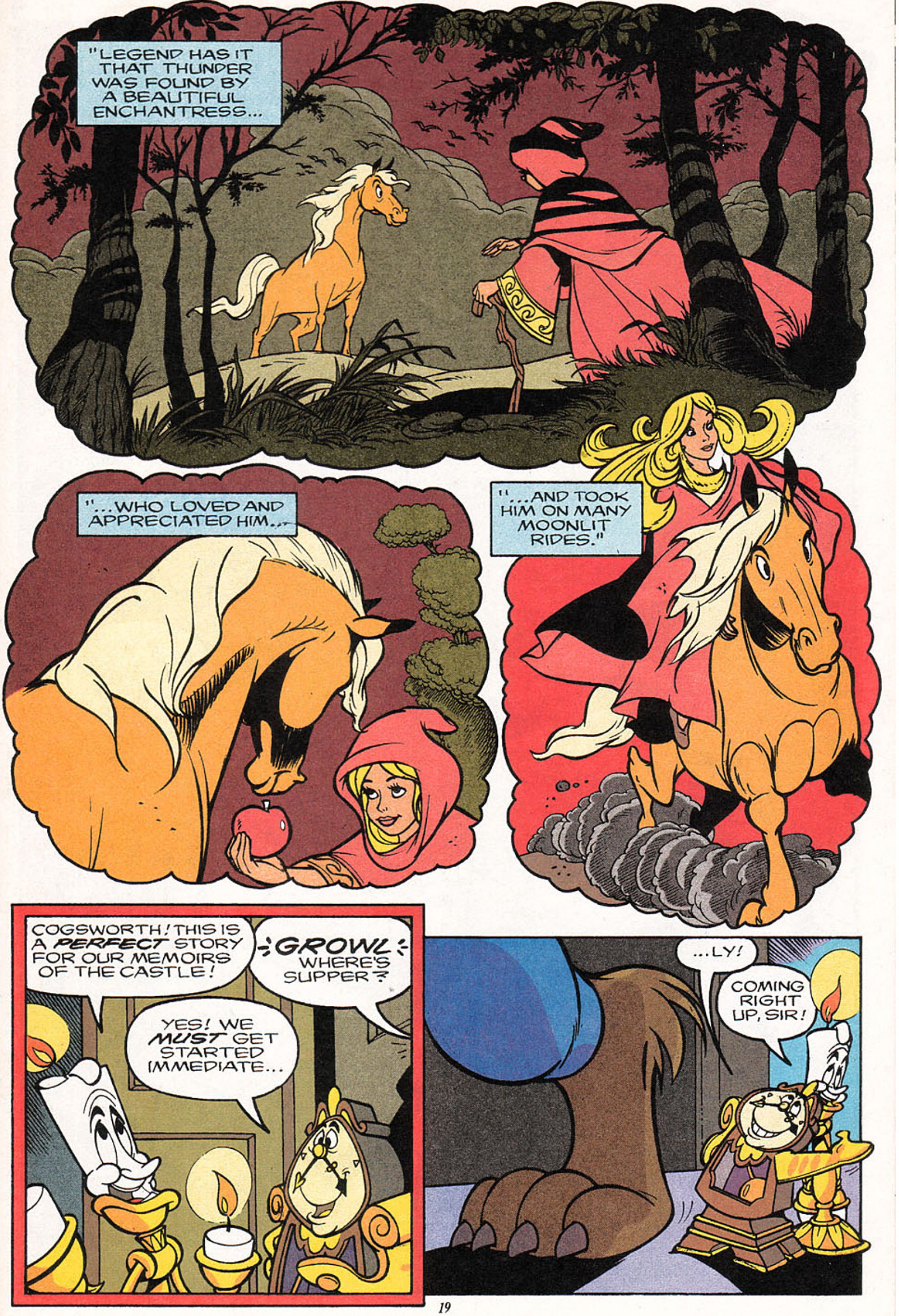
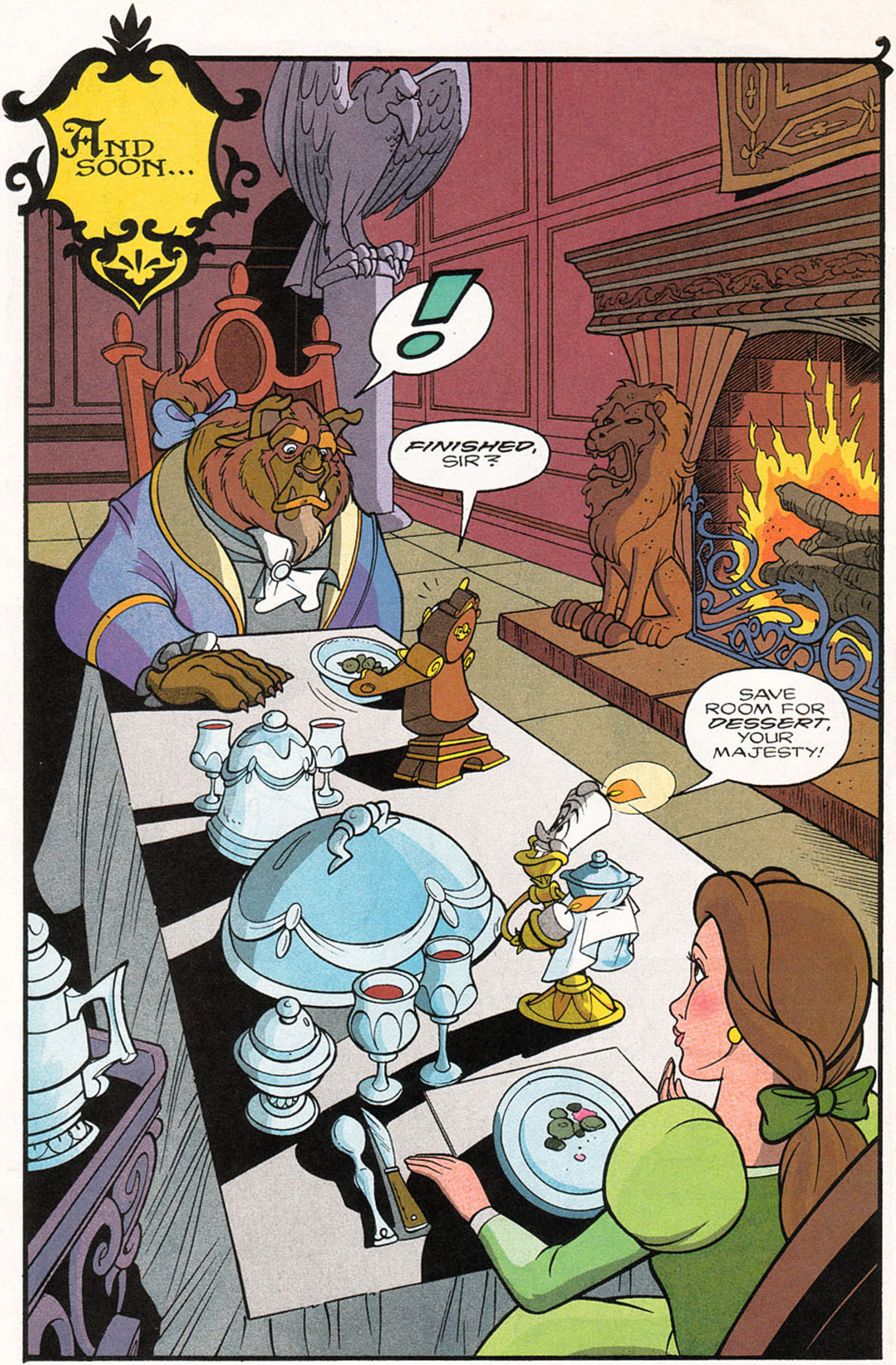

YES, LUMIERE, I REMEMBER IT WELL. I WAS THERE THE *LAST* TIME THE PRINCE SAW THUNDER...
"ON THAT NIGHT, THE PRINCE OPENED THE GATE AS ALWAYS.
"BUT THIS TIME, INSTEAD OF WAITING TO BE SADDLED...
"...THUNDER JUMPED THE FENCE...
!
"...AND RAN OFF INTO THE MOONLIGHT!
"THE PRINCE ORDERED ALL THE CASTLE STAFF TO *FIND* THUNDER...
BRING HIM BACK AT ONCE!
"...BUT TO NO AVAIL. HE WAS *NOWHERE* TO BE FOUND.
"THE PRINCE WOULD NEVER ADMIT HOW MUCH HE *MISSED* HIM.
"BUT EVERY NIGHT HE PACED BACK AND FORTH IN THE TOWER, LOOKING AS FAR AS THE EYE COULD SEE FOR HIS HORSE.


"LEGEND HAS IT THAT THUNDER WAS FOUND BY A BEAUTIFUL ENCHANTRESS...
"...WHO LOVED AND APPRECIATED HIM...
"...AND TOOK HIM ON MANY MOONLIT RIDES."
COGSWORTH! THIS IS A *PERFECT* STORY FOR OUR MEMOIRS OF THE CASTLE!
YES! WE *MUST* GET STARTED IMMEDIATE...
GROWL WHERE'S SUPPER?
...LY!
COMING RIGHT UP, SIR!


AND SOON...
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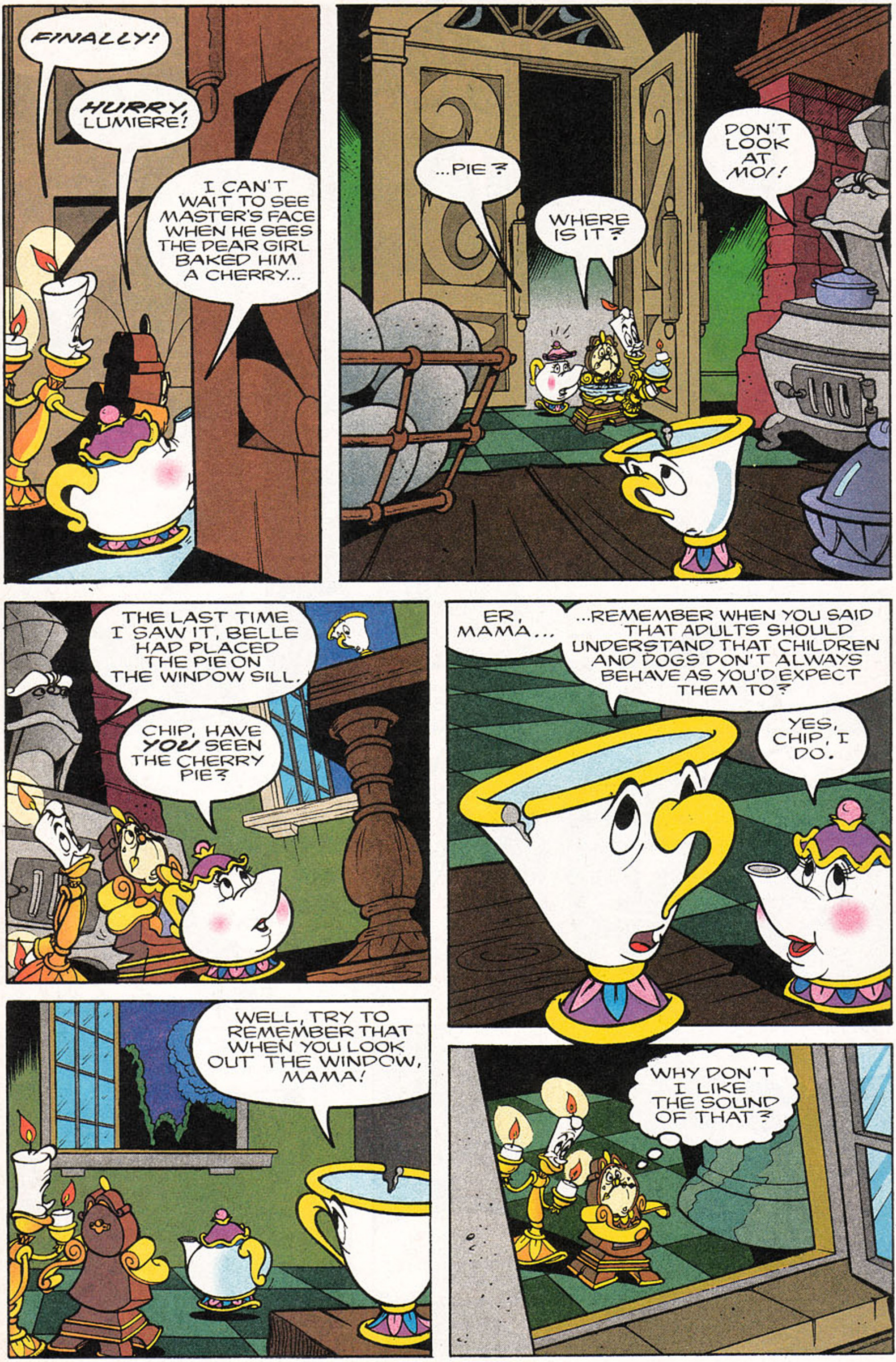
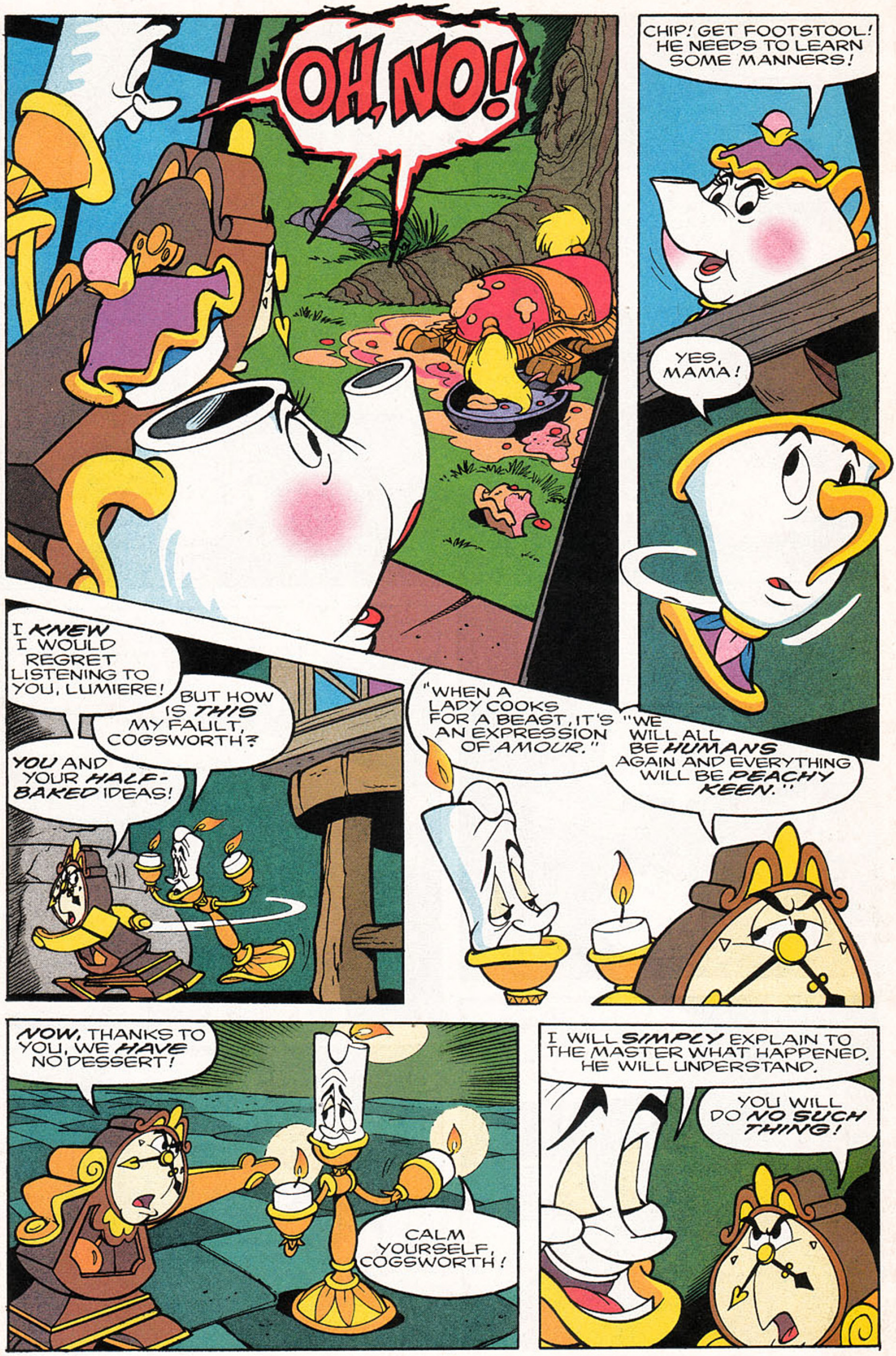
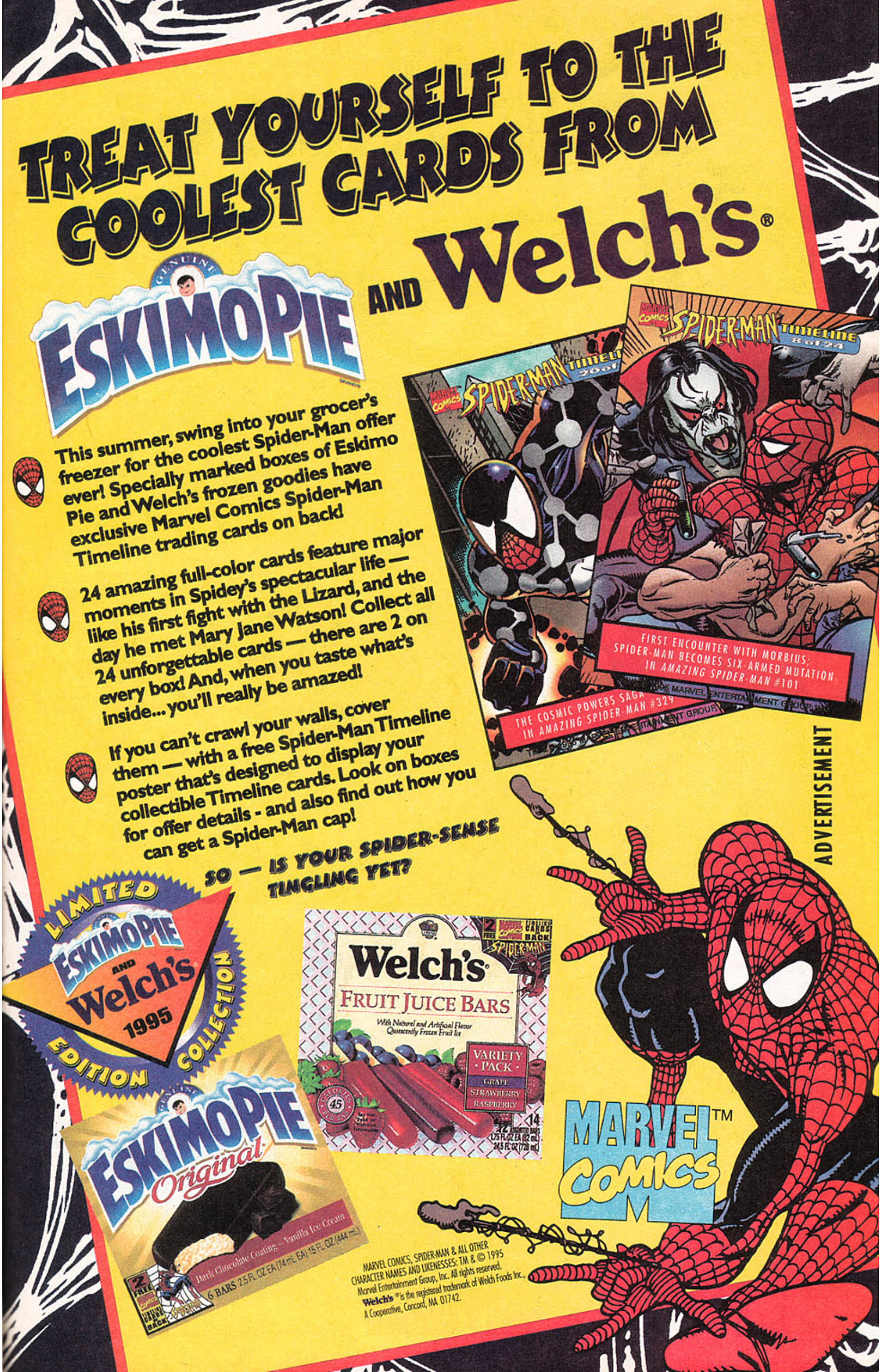
FINISHED, SIR?
SAVE ROOM FOR DESSERT, YOUR MAJESTY!


FINALLY!
HURRY, LUMIERE!
I CAN'T WAIT TO SEE MASTER'S FACE WHEN HE SEES THE DEAR GIRL BAKED HIM A CHERRY...
...PIE?
WHERE IS IT?
DON'T LOOK AT MOI!
THE LAST TIME I SAW IT, BELLE HAD PLACED THE PIE ON THE WINDOW SILL.
CHIP, HAVE YOU SEEN THE CHERRY PIE?
ER, MAMA...
...REMEMBER WHEN YOU SAID THAT ADULTS SHOULD UNDERSTAND THAT CHILDREN AND DOGS DON'T ALWAYS BEHAVE AS YOU'D EXPECT THEM TO?
YES, CHIP, I DO.
WELL, TRY TO REMEMBER THAT WHEN YOU LOOK OUT THE WINDOW, MAMA!
WHY DON'T I LIKE THE SOUND OF THAT?


OH, NO!
CHIP! GET FOOTSTOOL! HE NEEDS TO LEARN SOME MANNERS!
YES, MAMA!
I *KNEW* I WOULD REGRET LISTENING TO YOU, LUMIERE!
BUT HOW IS *THIS* MY FAULT, COGSWORTH?
YOU AND YOUR *HALF-BAKED* IDEAS!
"WHEN A LADY COOKS FOR A BEAST, IT'S AN EXPRESSION OF *AMOUR.*"
"WE WILL ALL BE *HUMANS* AGAIN AND EVERYTHING WILL BE *PEACHY KEEN.*"
NOW, THANKS TO YOU, WE *HAVE* NO DESSERT!
CALM YOURSELF, COGSWORTH!
I WILL *SIMPLY* EXPLAIN TO THE MASTER WHAT HAPPENED. HE WILL UNDERSTAND.
YOU WILL DO *NO SUCH THING!*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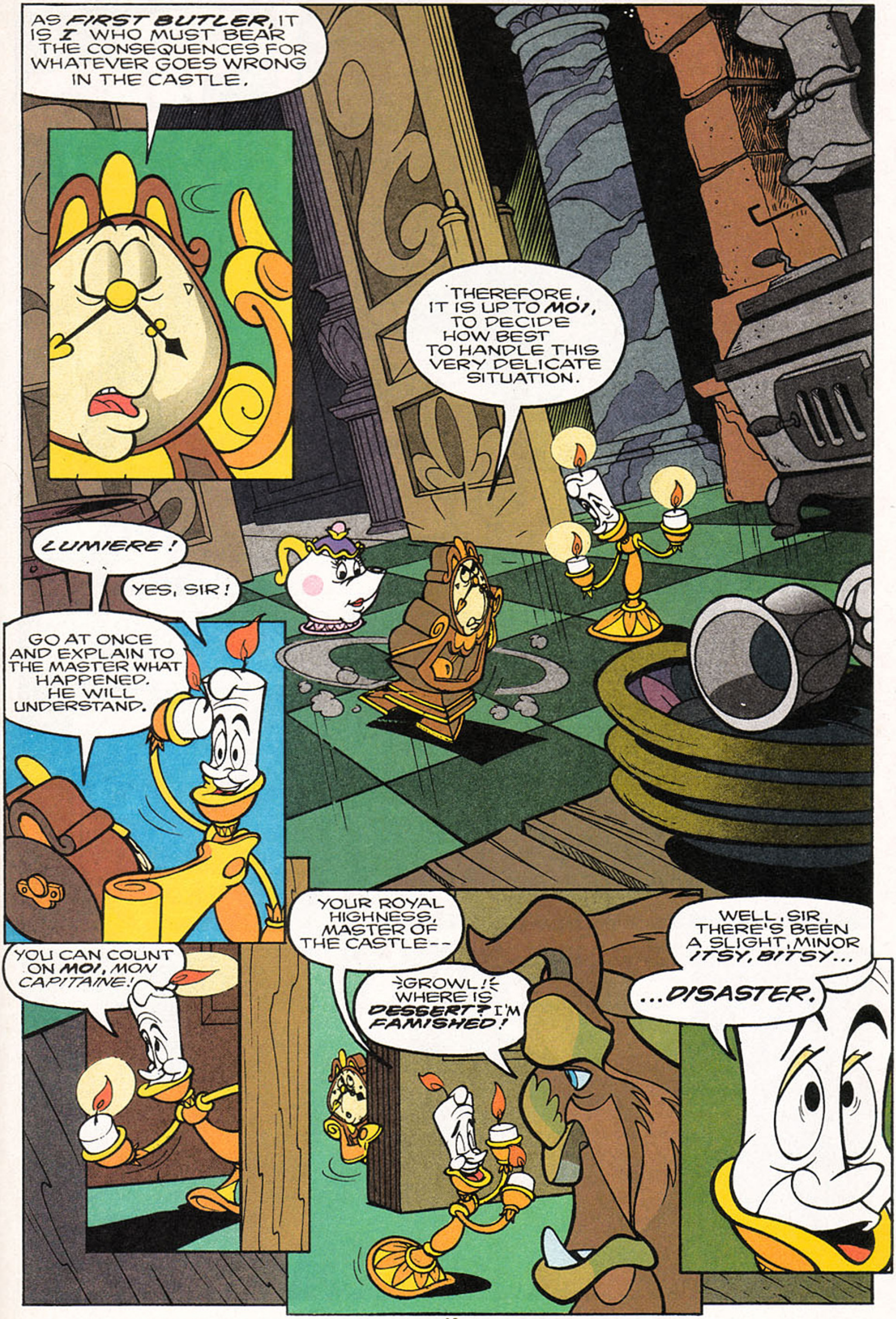
AS FIRST BUTLER, IT IS I WHO MUST BEAR THE CONSEQUENCES FOR WHATEVER GOES WRONG IN THE CASTLE.
THEREFORE, IT IS UP TO MOI, TO DECIDE HOW BEST TO HANDLE THIS VERY DELICATE SITUATION.
LUMIERE!
YES, SIR!
GO AT ONCE AND EXPLAIN TO THE MASTER WHAT HAPPENED. HE WILL UNDERSTAND.
YOU CAN COUNT ON MOI, MON CAPITAINE!
YOUR ROYAL HIGHNESS, MASTER OF THE CASTLE--
GROWL! WHERE IS DESSERT? I'M FAMISHED!
WELL, SIR, THERE'S BEEN A SLIGHT, MINOR ITSY, BITSY...
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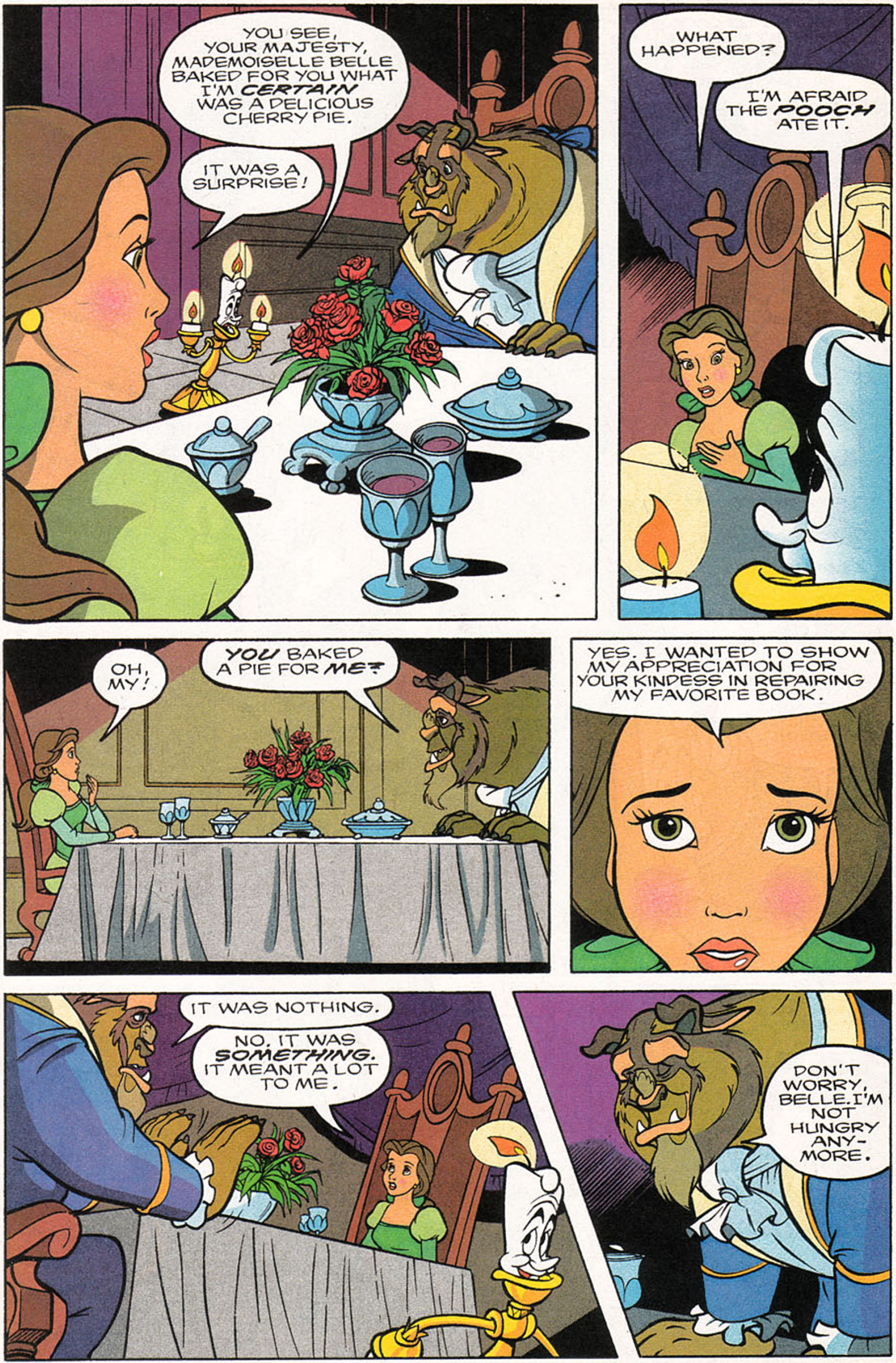
YOU SEE, YOUR MAJESTY, MADEMOISELLE BELLE BAKED FOR YOU WHAT I'M *CERTAIN* WAS A DELICIOUS CHERRY PIE.
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WHAT HAPPENED?
I'M AFRAID THE *POOCH* ATE IT.
OH, MY!
YOU BAKED A PIE FOR *ME?*
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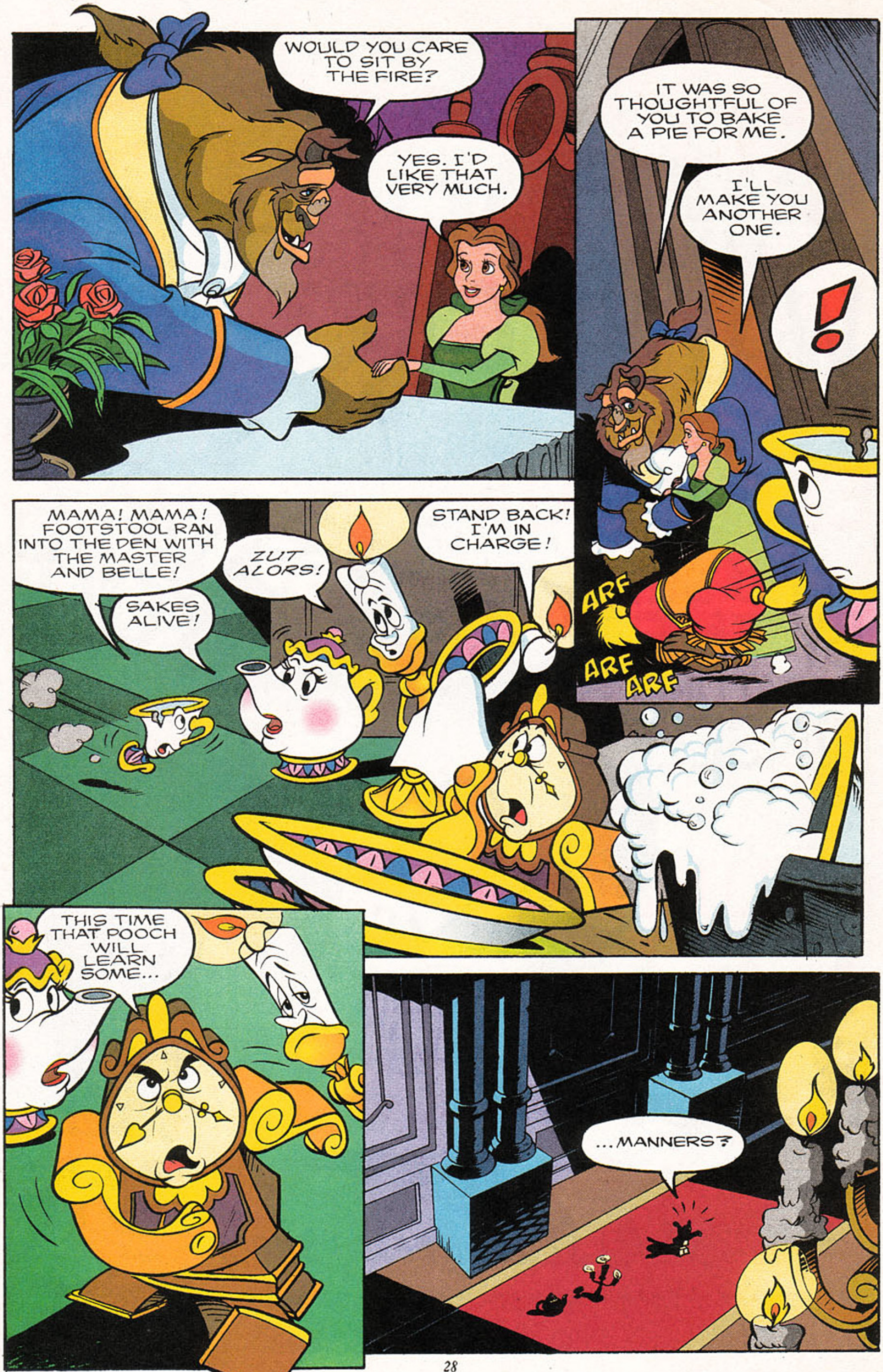
WOULD YOU CARE TO SIT BY THE FIRE?
YES. I'D LIKE THAT VERY MUCH.
IT WAS SO THOUGHTFUL OF YOU TO BAKE A PIE FOR ME.
I'LL MAKE YOU ANOTHER ONE.
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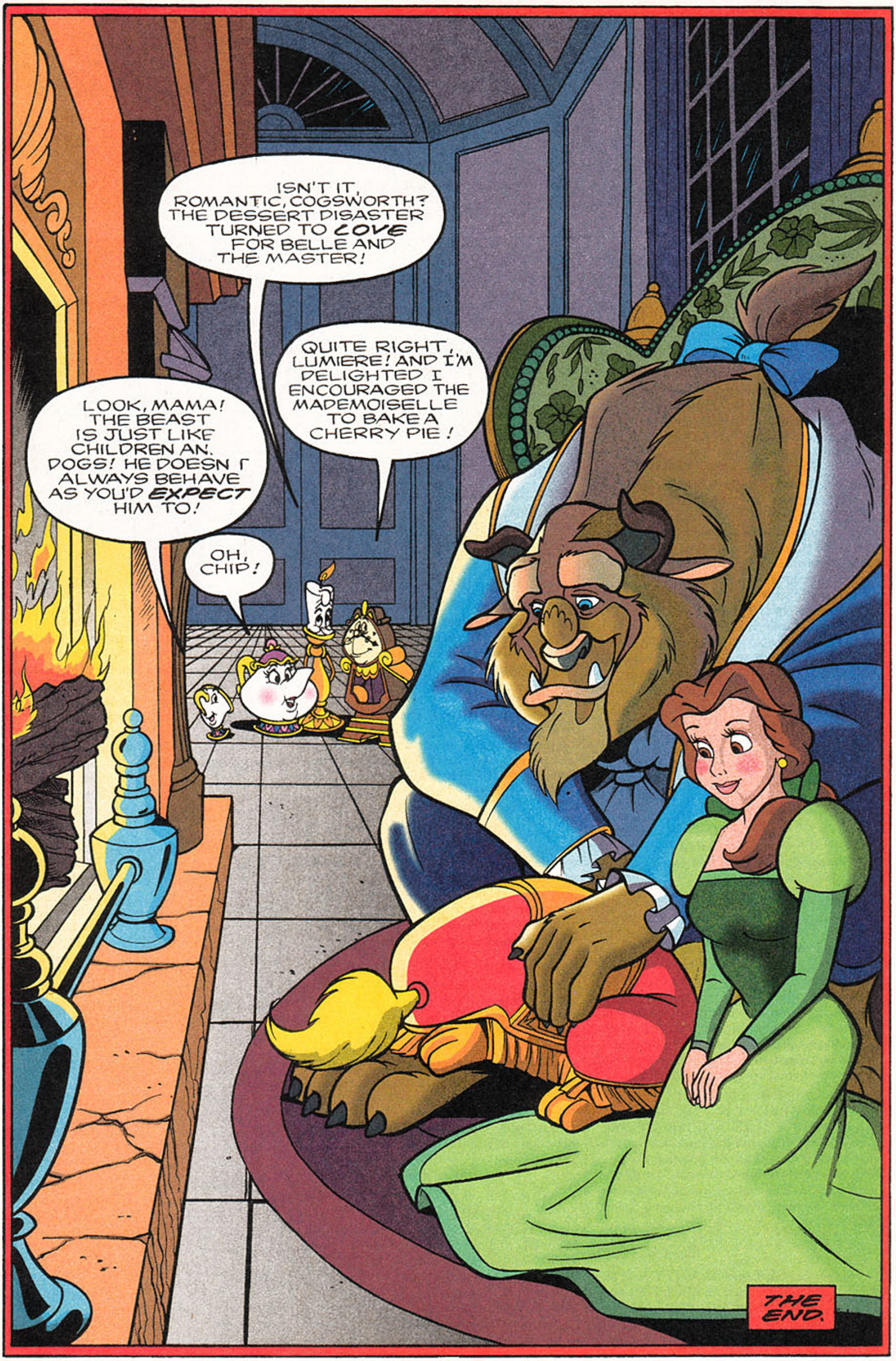
ARF
ARF
ARF
MAMA! MAMA! FOOTSTOOL RAN INTO THE DEN WITH THE MASTER AND BELLE!
SAKES ALIVE!
ZUT ALORS!
STAND BACK! I'M IN CHARGE!
THIS TIME THAT POOCH WILL LEARN SOME...
...MANNERS?


ISN'T IT, ROMANTIC, COGSWORTH? THE DESSERT DISASTER TURNED TO *LOVE* FOR BELLE AND THE MASTER!
QUITE RIGHT, LUMIERE! AND I'M DELIGHTED I ENCOURAGED THE MADEMOISELLE TO BAKE A CHERRY PIE!
LOOK, MAMA! THE BEAST IS JUST LIKE CHILDREN AND DOGS! HE DOESN'T ALWAYS BEHAVE AS YOU'D *EXPECT* HIM TO!
OH, CHIP!
THE END.

Beautiful & BEASTLY Mail

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Please include your name, age, and address, though we will gladly withhold that information upon request.

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Dear Beautiful & Beastly Mail,

Belle and the Beast make a great couple together, if the Beast would start minding his manners! I read the second issue of BEAUTY & THE BEAST. It was my most favorite comic book in the world. Will Belle and the Beast ever get married in these comics?

Daniel Rothhammer, age 8
West Orange, NJ

It's not easy teaching a Beast new tricks, Daniel! We'll see what we can do to hurry the love affair along. Thanks for writing and thanks for reading BEAUTY & THE BEAST!

Dear Beautiful & Beastly Mail,

Hi, it's me again! I am still enjoying the BEAUTY & THE BEAST comics very much. I liked the issue where Belle and Chip were lost in the storm. I just love the suspense! I have been wondering. How long was Belle at the castle before the spell was broken?

I hope Disney makes a Beauty & The Beast TV series or sequel to the movie. It should be about them getting married. Maybe the enchantress could give them a magical present. Belle is my favorite Disney character. We both like to read! I bring books to read at school during my free time. If I could meet Belle, I bet we would be good friends!

The answer to the B&B #11 trivia question is obvious! Belle promised to stay at the Beast's castle forever in order to free her father. I hope all the Marvel/Disney comics last forever!

Bye for now,
Angela Allen, age 13
2959 Old Elm Lane
Germantown, TN 38138

P.S. If anyone would like to write to me, my address is above!

Hello again, Angela! You have guessed the correct answer to BEAUTY & THE BEAST #11 trivia question! According to our friends at Disney, there is no definite time established as to how long Belle was in the castle before the spell was broken. Isn't it wonderful to have something enchanting to read during your free time?! It seems that you're as big a fan of reading as our lovely bookworm Belle! We have no doubt that it would be an instant and beautiful friendship if the two of you ever met!

Dear Beautiful & Beastly Mail,

I think BEAUTY & THE BEAST is great! I also love ALADDIN, THE DISNEY AFTERNOON, and all the other Marvel/Disney comic books. I have a question for you. Will you be featuring Gaston or Maurice in your comics? Your comic is wonderful and the artwork is great! Keep up the good work! Thanks!

Peter Placyk, age 12
Runnemede, NJ

Hope you didn't miss BEAUTY & THE BEAST #8 and #9, Peter, in which Belle lovingly reminisces about good times with her beloved father. As for the dashing Gaston, we like to keep him guessing as to when his next meeting with the "lucky girl he's going to marry" will be! Thank you for the wonderful compliments, Peter, and many thanks to our talented creative team for giving us the very best stories and artwork!

TRIVIA QUESTION:

Beauty & The Beast made cinema history in 1991 as the first animated film to be nominated for an Academy Award for best picture! How many Academy Awards did B&B win and in what categories?

For the answer to Beauty & The Beast #11 trivia question, see Angela's letter!

Dear Beautiful & Beastly Mail,

I love Belle's clothes! They're beautiful. I really liked the dress she wore when she sat for the portrait. I'm glad you came up with the idea to make a BEAUTY & THE BEAST comic book. I enjoy reading it. Is it hard thinking up new stories? How long does it take to make a comic?

Amy Yu, age 10
Los Angeles, CA

Great questions, Amy! Comic books take about 6 months to make. Coming up with the storylines is a fun process by which the editor and writer brainstorm ideas and then the writer brings the story to life with her vivid imagination and magic words!

Dear Beautiful & Beastly Mail,

I just wanted to say thanks to all of the workers in BEAUTY & THE BEAST comics: the writer, penciler, inker, letterer, colorist and editor for creating a comic with such elegant craftsmanship! In my opinion, the cover of each issue is extraordinary, as well as the inside. My favorite characters are Chip and Lumiere. My favorite issue of B&B is #10, "Deck The Halls For Belle With Holly". I have issues #1-10, and I look forward to each month for a new and even more exciting issue. Thanks again!

Your most devoted reader,
Michelle Harrison, age 10
Broadhead, KY

We're flattered by such wonderful praise, Michelle! That story is one of our favorites, too! Adding to the fun of BEAUTY & THE BEAST is the lovable cast of characters, such as your favorites — mischievous Chip, who could put a smile on anyone's face, and the dashing Lumiere who lights up any room he enters!

Dear BEAUTY & THE BEAST,

My name is Heidi and I'm a huge B&B fan and a Disney fanatic! I went to Disneyland recently and saw B&B live on stage — I loved it! My dream is to be a Disney animator. I just love to draw. In BEAUTY & THE BEAST #10 I read that there is going to be a THE LION KING comic. I'm very excited! Is there going to be a TV series also?

It's amazing what you have done with a timeless tale! Thanks!

Heidi Robins, age 13
Colorado Springs, CO

P.S. Are you going to make a POCAHONTAS comic?

How lucky to have seen the "tale as old as time" stage show, Heidi! And to add to your lucky streak, the POCAHONTAS comic book adaptation is available now at newsstands, comic book shops, book sellers, and even movie theaters everywhere! And you've heard correctly — THE LION KING's zany Timon and Pumbaa will be starring in their very own TV series and are also featured in Marvel's DISNEY COMICS HITS #2 coming this September! They are adventures that shouldn't be missed!

Dear Beautiful & Beastly Mail,

I love your comics! I need a pen pal who is as big a BEAUTY & THE BEAST fan as I am. Could you please print my address?!

Emily Karrasch, age 10
6823 Linden Dr.
Palos Heights, IL 20463

Anything to help out a fan, Emily! Why not write to Angela Allen a few letters above? Thanks for reading BEAUTY & THE BEAST and good luck with your new friends and pen pals!

Dear, yet Beastly, Mail,

Sound familiar? This is Elizabeth Nelson and I wrote to you once before — a two-page-long missive critiquing much, and complimenting about as much. I saw in issue #11 that

Jeanne Van Dewarker had commented on something that I had written so I must repond to that.

Well, what can I say? Bravo! Encore, encore! Right now I am up to issue #11 and judging from them I have seen a lot of great improvements — especially in the storyline. The whole plot moves along splendidly and yet keeps you waiting for the next issue!

What happened to the "next cover" picture shown in the mail section in issues #9 and #10? I was looking forward to seeing both of them but when I got them in the mail the covers were different! While on the subject of the mail section I would like to say that I enjoy all the little pictures you scatter around whether for decoration or to take up unneeded space. They add color and are very well done! Have you ever considered letting B&B readers send in drawings of Beauty and the Beast and other characters to be shown in the "Beautiful and Beastly Mail" section?

I have subscriptions to all three movie adaptations, THE LITTLE MERMAID, ALADDIN, and BEAUTY AND THE BEAST, but B&B is by far my favorite, perhaps because it is the only one that really can focus totally on the relationship of the two main characters. However I am wondering whether any of these comics will ever have a special edition like they have for X-MEN and other comics?

Next December I will be seeing the B&B musical when it comes to Minneapolis and I can't wait! In the Broadway version they show how Belle and the Beast's relationship evolves beginning with her reading to him from King Arthur. Eventually this beautiful story brings out the similarities in the two characters and draws them closer. Do you have any plans to include this development in your own storyline, or are Broadway and the comics unlinked?

Will there be a continuing comic series for Pocahontas eventually? And if so during what time frame will it take place?

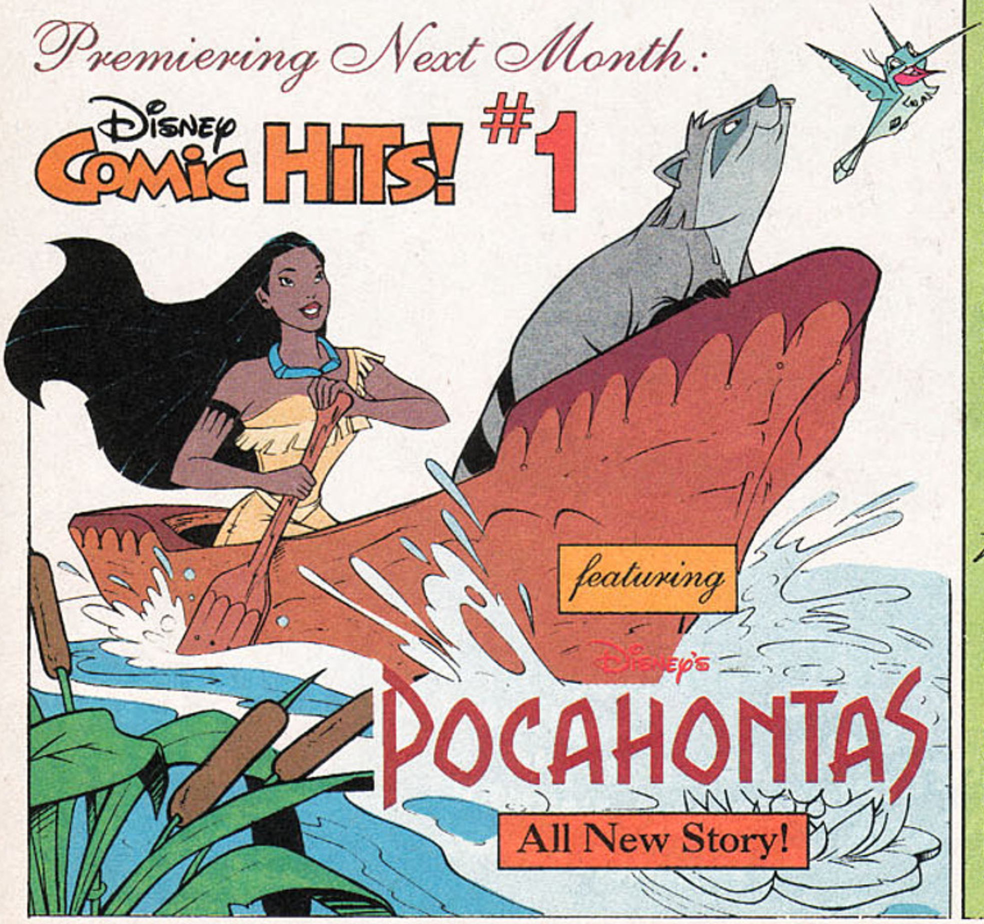
But now to answer Ms. Van Dewarker — I can't get enough of the B&B movie either. I own it in English and Spanish and am looking for it in French, and the new storylines in the B&B comic make it all that much more fun to wait for it monthly. I agree with you that it isn't Belle's fault for the Beast's attitude — I meant to suggest if Belle could ever do anything wrong for which the Beast had to forgive her instead of the other way around. But thank you for commenting on my letter. I do truly love Beauty and the Beast — its story, characters, music, and basically everything about it and I am tickled pink whenever I can exchange views and ideas about it with other people. Should anyone else like to write to me about B&B, we could exchange thoughts, drawings, or impressions about it! I love letters from anyone, two to 102, although I myself am sixteen.

Anyway, keep up the good job you do so well, continuing to bring the magic and love of Beauty and the Beast to all your readers.

Until the last petal falls from the rose and the spell is broken, yours truly,

Elizabeth A. Nelson
Rt. 4 Box 42
Mankato, MN 56001

Sorry we had to edit your letter, Elizabeth, but we were running out of space and wanted to answer some of your questions! Thank you for taking the time to write and thanks especially for your excellent drawing of Belle! As you know, we begin work on the comics months ahead of time. The reason you missed the "Next month" covers in two issues was because the art wasn't finished in time! We've been toying around with the idea of doing a bookshelf collection of your favorite Marvel/Disney stories. Our fans will be the first to know if and when! The POCAHONTAS comic movie adaptation is now available everywhere, and the first brand-new POCAHONTAS story will be coming your way this August, in DISNEY COMIC HITS #1 written by bountiful BEAUTY & THE BEAST writer, Barbara Slate!



It's beastly news ...

We're sorry to report that this will be the last issue of the comic series, BEAUTY & THE BEAST. As much as we all love this wonderful comic book, business dictates that we must cease publishing B&B on a monthly basis.

BUT THERE'S GOOD NEWS!

Belle, Beast, Lumiere, Cogsworth, Mrs. Potts and Chip and all of our enchanted friends *will be back* in a new monthly series from Marvel/Disney comics! DISNEY COMIC HITS #1 premieres August '95, and will alternately feature the Disney favorites that you've read and loved every month including BEAUTY & THE BEAST, THE LITTLE MERMAID, ALADDIN, and THE DISNEY AFTERNOON! Even better, we'll also start to feature the new titles you've demanded such as THE LION KING, POCAHONTAS, and many more from the magical world of Disney!

The same extraordinary people whose contributions made these the most beautiful, most entertaining Disney comics ever will grace the pages of DISNEY COMIC HITS — the gifted writers who tell the terrific tales; the awesome artists who bring the stories to life; the letterers with that special flair; the colorists who add the bright, beautiful hues; the Marvel Bullpen, our truly indispensable production crew; our manufacturing department which oversees the actual printing process; and fellow editor Sarra Mossoff who lends invaluable support! Together with our terrific colleagues at Disney Studios, we'll all continue to bring you comics that match and surpass the highest Marvel/Disney standards! Our deepest gratitude to each and every one of these wonderful contributors - we look forward to working with them in the pages of DISNEY COMIC HITS!

But our biggest thanks go to all of you — our faithful fans! We love hearing from you, and can't wait to hear what you think about our newest venture into the Disney world of marvelous characters! Thank you for reading BEAUTY & THE BEAST! See you in DISNEY COMIC HITS!

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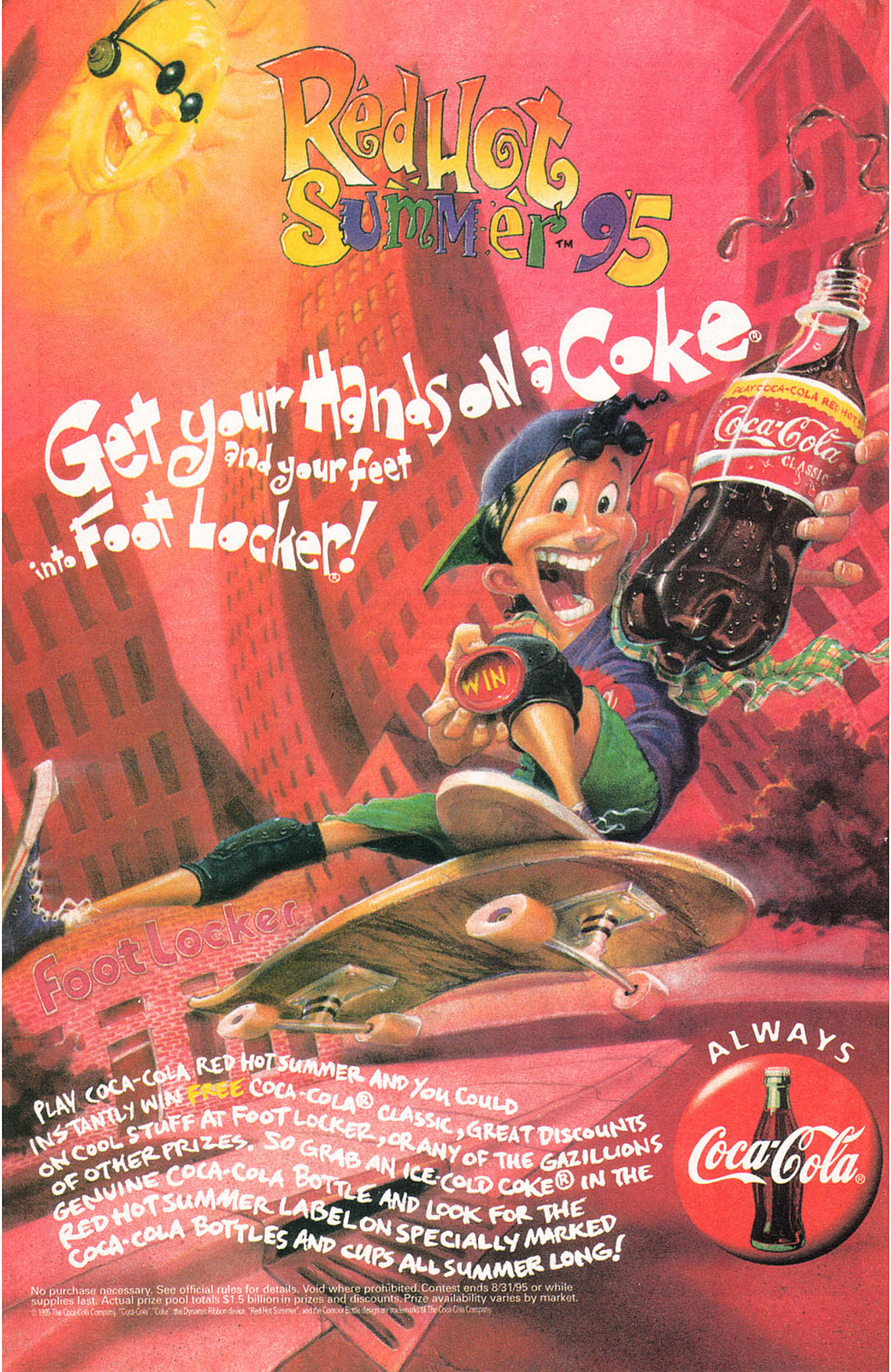
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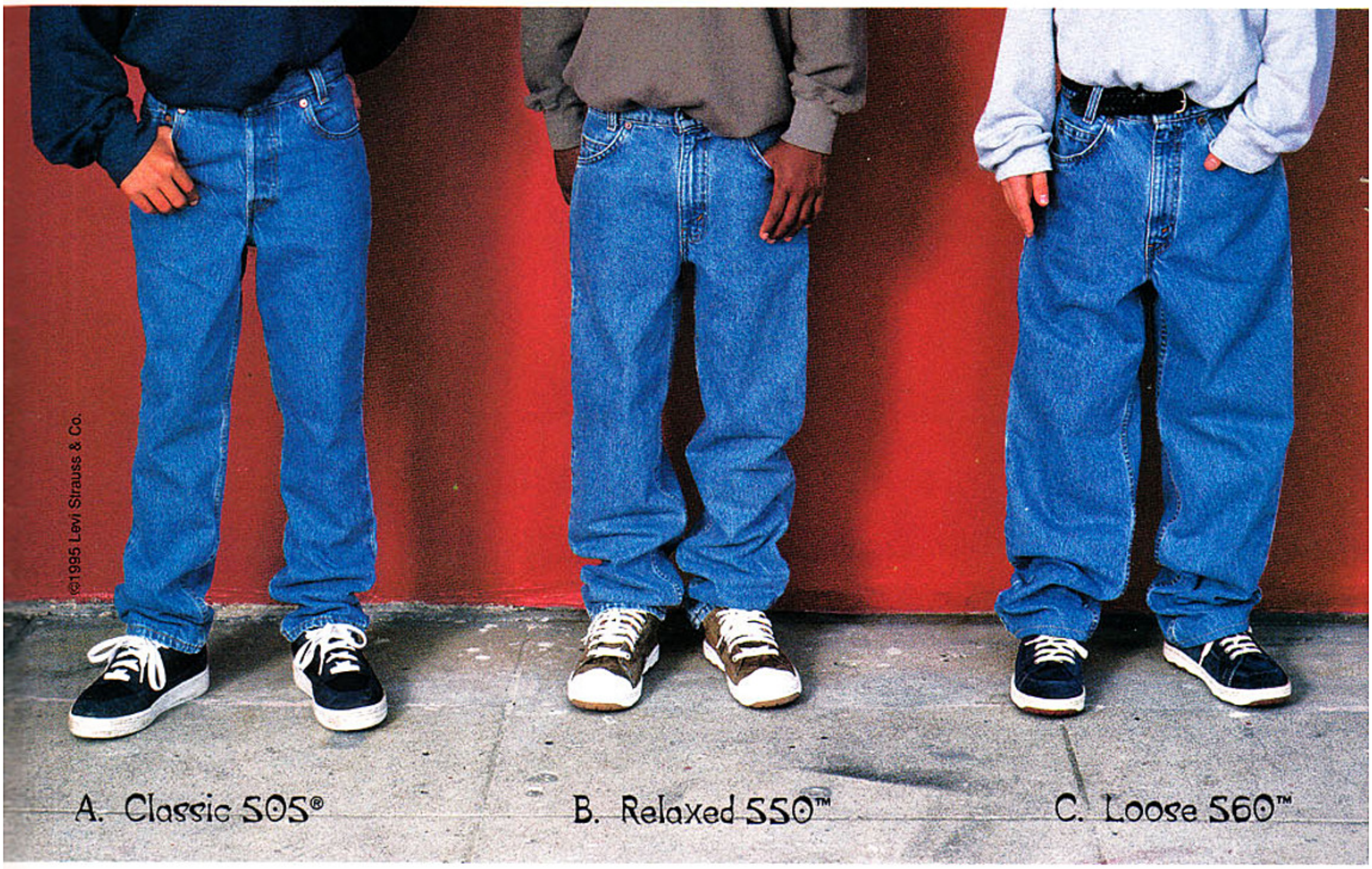

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